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Ahead of New Year...

Rowdy-sheeters face pre-dawn Police raids

Mysuru, Dec.29 (RK&BCT)- The City Police seem to have tightened the grip on rowdy-sheeters and those anti-social elements who take shelter at city lodges. While yesterday they conducted 'Operation Hawk' that was a surprise inspection of hotels and lodges across the city as part of measures to tighten security, this morning they visited the houses of rowdy-sheeters to make sure that they are not indulging in any criminal activities.

The operation against rowdy-sheeters began at 6 am where separate Police teams knocked the doors, surprising the rowdy-sheeters and their families. Armed with search warrants from Court, Police teams led by their jurisdictional ACPs searched the houses for weapons, phones, documents and explosives.

The Police move comes in the wake of the forthcoming New Year celebrations and in the light of a political murder that rocked Maddur recently.

Police sources said that they want to ensure that the New Year celebration passes off peacefully and for that, the rowdy-sheeters had been warned.

There are three Police Sub-Divisions in city — Narasimharaja, Devaraja and Krishnaraja — and each of them have over 450 to 500 rowdy-sheeters, divided across 18 Police Stations.

The phone numbers and addresses of the rowdy-sheeters were recorded along with their family and business details.

Addressing the rowdy-sheeters, Inspectors warned them of strict action including booking them under Goonda Act. They were warned not to indulge in any illegal activities. The concentration of Police teams was on Jayalakshmipuram Police Station jurisdiction under which Paduvarahalli comes. NR ACP C. Gopal led the operation and said that Paduvarahalli had the highest number of rowdy-sheeters in city.

Two teams under ACP Gopal and Jayalakshmipuram Inspector B.G. Prakash and Hebbal Inspector Guruprasad led the raids from Paduvarahalli First Main to 6th Main, Ganapathi Temple and Maramma Temple surroundings. The raids were on till we went to Press.

Police said that the raids were primarily to check the daily activities of the rowdy-sheeters whether they are indulging in any anti-social activities and weather they have any weapons.

"During the routine rowdy parades, these people claim that they have left all illegal activities. In this surprise raid, we want to make sure that they are on the reforming path," Police said.

(See ROWDY-SHEETERS on page 17)

'Para motoring cancelled due to technical snag'

Mysuru, Dec.29- Para motoring at Maharaja's College Grounds, organised by Bangalore Aviation and Sports Enterprise (BASE) and Department of Tourism, has been cancelled due to a technical snag and not due to crash-landing as reported in yesterday's *Star of Mysore*.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Kumar of BASE said that during a flying session on Wednesday (Dec.26) one ground staff came in the way of the Paramotor and the landing strip. "There was a technical snag and as safety is important to us, we cancelled the adventure sport," he said.

"In Bengaluru, we operate Para motoring at Jakkur Airfield that is a restricted area and there are no chances of people entering the landing area. Here in Mysuru while the public was very cooperative, one ground staff came in between the flight and its landing path," he clarified.

Kumar added that he had already spoken to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and Registrar of University of Mysore (under whose jurisdiction Maharaja's College comes) on the incident and the event has been cancelled.

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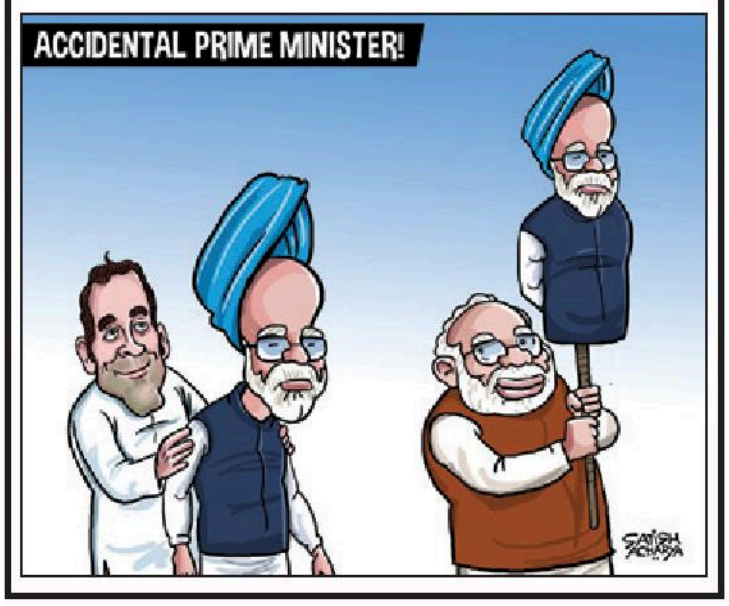

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Coping with change

Attitude of the young sections in the world at large as well as across the country to life, markedly volatile in its ways has tended to mentally disturb the seniors for good, bad and indifferent reasons, covering psychological, economical and social factors, in random order of importance, not to forget the clear difference in the physical abilities of the two sections. The seniors have on their years of exposure to both happy and not-so-happy episodes over the years, arming them with the understanding of do's-n-don'ts of daily life to keep away its blues and enjoy the remaining years, while terms and conditions apply as it were. The young flock are entitled to their dreams and aspirations, totally unrelated to those of past generations, thanks to the advances particularly in science and technology, in addition to life's challenges demanding grit, sweat and toil like never before.

The often-heard portrayal of the land's youth as way ward and disrespectful of the time-honoured diktats for orderly living raises the issue of the role played by people of successive past generations in nurturing the youth as they grow into adulthood. Also, the dialogue between the two distinct sections with age-driven division seems to have got snapped with no signs of change.

While the young are in their *fast* lane, the seniors, per se, are *staying* in their *slow* lane, with the physical and more importantly, mental gap set to be yawning as time passes. To expect either section to take the much needed initiative in coming close amounts to asking for the moon. The young, barring exceptions have no confidence in the words of wisdom, of the seniors, their forte. More the force in conveying their life's lessons learnt by seniors, more the resistance by the young. Even as the seniors have the conviction to *enlighten* the young for facing life's ups and downs, the target sections don't seem to feel that the seniors are spreading light on their mental makeup.

Considering mental health as a significant and crucial factor in the present scenario, the initiative by an academic institution in organising a state-level workshop in Bengaluru last week to enlighten students and academicians on the application of *psychology* into various spheres of life is to be lauded as timely.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MANY GOOD MEN: ***In the midst of the raging cacophony of the MeToo movement when some men are being shamed for their misconduct towards women publicly, and deservedly so, across offices, organisations, industry and media, I have been thinking of the many good men I have been fortunate to know. I joined a large Public Sector Organisation at a time when there were not many working women. In fact, for a number of years, I worked across departments and offices where I was the lone woman. I was surrounded by men at all levels, including my bosses, and in each one of them I saw a mentor. A helping hand everywhere, a smile of reassurance, a nod of approbation and the readiness to come to my aid at any perceived moment of inconvenience. No boundaries were crossed, no code of conduct was breached and no embarrassment experienced.*** — *Sudha Devi Nayak In Deccan Herald.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

A cafe dedicated to female thighs

Tokyo: Welcome to Japan's new World of Thighs Photography Cafe!

Called World of Thighs Photography Cafe, Tokyo's newest themed cafe that was inaugurated on October 6 and was opened till December 6, allowing patrons to feast on various popular dishes while surrounded by dozens of photos of young women's thighs. Judging by some photos released by the organizers, the food also featured thigh-shaped decorations, although it's not yet clear if those are edible.

Young girls' thighs, that it. Designed as an extension of Japanese photographer Yuria's artistic exhibitions, the newly opened cafe was decorated with photos of women's thighs from Yuria's existing portfolio, as well as some never-before-seen pics from a recent photo shoot in Guam.

For die-hard female thigh fans, World of Thighs Photography Cafe also featured a thigh-themed gift shop where one could buy pins and other thigh-related merchandise.

Photographic quality tattoos

Belgium: Inal Bersekov, a Belgium talented tattoo artist whose black and white, photo-realistic tattoos look to be printed on the skin of his clients.

The quality of his works is so insane that it's nearly impossible to tell that you're looking at someone's tattoo, and not a black and white photo, or a really good hyper-realistic drawing. Inal Bersekov recently made headlines for becoming Canadian rapper Drake's new favorite tattoo artist.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What foods should I eat to help build healthy gut bacteria?

It's wise to take good care of your microbiome. It plays a vital role in your health. Prebiotic foods that help to build healthy gut bacteria include: Apples, asparagus, Jerusalem artichokes and leeks, as well as fermented foods like sauerkraut and kefir. Bacteria make up about 2% of your body weight.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Lingambudhi Lake Watch programme tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 29 - The lakes are the living heritage. The life that dwells in and around the lake is remarkable. The fresh air, serene environment and peace that lake offers attracts everybody. The lake environment is home to a variety of flora and fauna.

The bunds, reeds, forest and marshy areas around the lake supports the growth of different plants and provides space for birds, butterflies, spiders, insects and small mammals to live. The web of life that exists in the lake environment is because of the favourable environment that it offers. Lake habitats must be protected and maintained so that its uniqueness is not lost and the life that exists is not disturbed. The lake must be sustained naturally not by converting it into concrete tanks.

In order to make public aware of the biodiversity in the lake and the importance of lake, a "Lake Watch" programme has been organised by Wild Mysuru on Dec.30 at Lingambudhi Lake. The programme starts at 7 am and assembly point is Lingambudhi Lake main entrance.

A. Shivaprakash will be the resource person. A retired Central government official, he started birding in early 90s before which he was an avid trekker. He is an expert in identifying birds, butterflies and plants.

He has developed a website called Mysore Nature *(www.mysorenature.org)* which contains vast information about the flora and fauna of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and other neighbouring districts. He regularly conducts nature walks for the benefit of people who are nature enthusiasts. He also takes initiative to organise winter water bird census to monitor status of lakes and bird movement around Mysuru. He has also prepared Mysuru Bird Atlas (for the first time in India) where the survey of birds is done by interested participants throughout the year for 3 years.

The programme is free for everyone and interested people of all age groups can participate.

For more information contact Mob: 93431-88889.

Really...?

- ***Ostrich eyes are the largest of any animal that lives on land (though they can't rival some of the massive creatures that inhabit the depths of the sea). Approximately the size of a billiard ball, their eyes are actually bigger than their brains.***
- ***When they nap in groups, the ducks on the perimeter keep guard by sleeping with one eye open. While the other ducks sleep more deeply, those on the outside of the circle also keep one side of their brain awake, even as they doze, so that predators won't be able to sneak up on them.***

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Traffic cops must accept "DigiLocker" documents

Sir,

A couple of days back, I was intercepted by the traffic cops and was asked to show original vehicle documents. After uploading my original driving license and vehicle RC book to "DigiLocker" I stopped carrying these original documents with me. But the Traffic Police feigned his ignorance about DigiLocker and refused to accept "DigiLocker" uploads. He insisted on seeing the original documents itself.

I politely informed him that the Central Government has asked all States to accept digital version of DL, vehicle registration certificate and other documents presented via DigiLocker or on mParivahan platforms.

When the Ministry of Road Transport has issued a notification stating that "digital DL, RCs from DigiLocker are legally recognised on par with original documents as per IT Act 2000 and valid under Motor Vehicles Act 1988, to be treated on par with certificates issued by transport authorities," I am unable to comprehend why Traffic Police of Mysuru are not accepting this.

This has been implemented so that the motorists can avoid carrying the original physical copies of vehicle documents. I request the higher authorities in the Traffic Police Department to instruct their subordinates to accept digitally stored documents in the "DigiLocker" in lieu of original paper documents.

—K. Chandrahas
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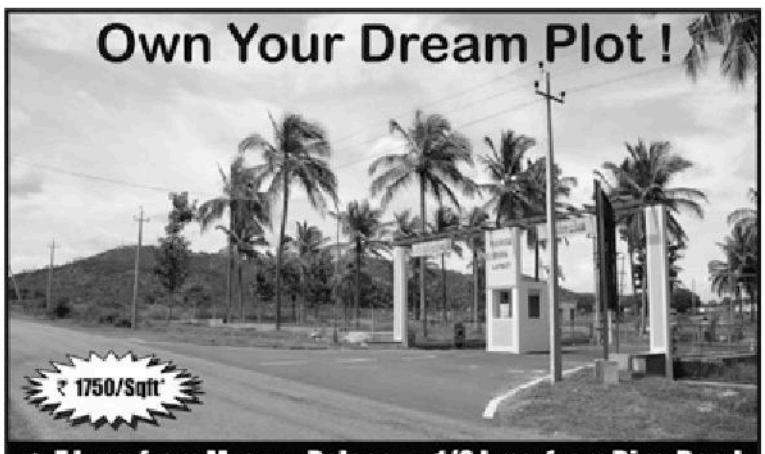

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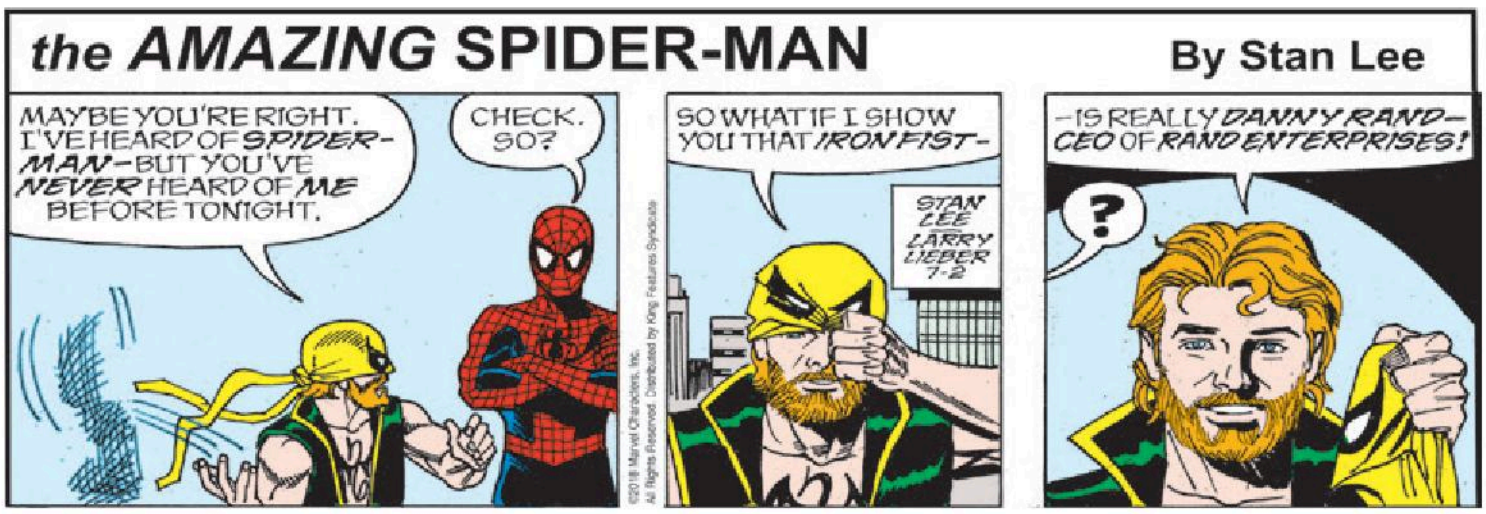
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NEWS BRIEFS

Legal awareness programme

As part of World Human Rights Day, the Mysuru District Chapter of Association for Protection of Civil Rights, has organised a Legal Awareness Programme near Mission Hospital Circle on Sawday Road at 7pm this evening (Dec.29). Former High Court Public Prosecutor B.T. Venkatesh will inaugurate the programme.

Dr. Ambedkar Parinirvan Day

The City's Pragathi Seva Trust in association with Dalit Abhivruddhi Samsthe will be observing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Parinirvan Day at Buddhanagar (Nellur Shed), opposite Silk Factory, at 6 pm today (Dec.29). Urilinga Peddimutt Seer Gnanaprakash Swamiji will inaugurate the programme. Former Mayor Narayana will preside, according to a press release. For details, call Mob: 92435-06024 or 99646-87277.

Applications invited from SC/STs

Under the special package/ Girijan Sub-plan Scheme, the Department of Handlooms and Textiles has invited applications from eligible SC/ST candidates for sanctioning loans to set up Small and Micro Industries. Interested entrepreneurs can visit the Department office in CTI Building, Sayyaji Rao Road in the city.

UoM sem results announced

The University of Mysuru (UoM) has announced the results of First, Third and Fifth semester exams of under-graduate courses (Non-CBCS Scheme) held in Oct.- Nov. 2018, on its website: http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in.

Mushroom cultivation

The Horticulture Department has organised a workshop on mushroom cultivation from Jan.7 to Jan. 12 at Kukkarahalli Horticulture Centre in front of Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri here. People desirous to participate should register their names at the Centre. For details, call Mob: 78290-56082 or 79750-42423.

K. Raghuram to be feted on Jan.5

City's social worker K. Raghuram will be felicitated at a programme to take place on Jan.5 during the three-day Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Parishat Sammelana at Dharwad (Jan.4 to Jan. 6), according to a press release.

Police leave no rules out to make sure you are safe this New Year's Eve

- Those holding parties must obtain permission from City Top Cop before 4 pm on Dec. 31
- Movement of private vehicles on Chamundi Hill banned from 7 pm on Dec. 31

Mysuru, Dec. 29 (KS)- The countdown to New Year's Eve (NYE) has begun. And with that, some of the well-known parties of the year are upon us. But to make sure that you don't just party hard but safe too, city Police, restaurants, pubs and bars are pulling out all the stops.

Dr. A S. Rao

The City Police have drawn up a checklist of safety measures to be followed by establishments that are organising parties. The Police have laid down elaborate guidelines for party organisers. While party-goers are getting set to ring in the New Year, night-clubs, pubs and restaurants are required to tighten their security measures for the night. To ensure that no untoward incidents occur, a host of safety regulations have been listed by the Police.

"All the bars, hotels, clubs and event managers who are organising a New Year's party are directed to follow the rules prescribed to them. Only if they comply with the given requirements, will they be given permission for going ahead with the party," says a press release from the City Police Commissioner's Office.

Hotels, restaurants, clubs, restaurants and organisations that have organised parties on Dec. 31, should end the same before 1 am. Crowds celebrating should not behave indecently on roads failing which legal action would be initiated against them. Liquor should not be served in places which do not have licence.

Owners/ management and administrative staff of hotels, restaurants, clubs, resorts and organisations who have organised programmes and require loudspeaker system should give their applications seeking the same to the Office of the City Police Commissioner before 4 pm on Dec. 31 and obtain permission failing which legal action would be initiated against them.

Only box type speakers should be used and the sound should be limited within the premises. Organisers should take precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents. Gambling, indecent and obscene dances are banned.

Legal action would be initiated against those who forcibly stop public, girls and women on roads and harass them on the pretext of wishing them. Wheelie, drag races and moving around shouting on two-wheelers with altered silencers has been banned and special Police teams have been formed to prevent such incidents.

Movement of private vehicles on Chamundi Hill has been banned from 7 pm on Dec. 31. KSRTC bus facility to the hill top has been made. This, however, is not applicable to the residents of Chamundi Hill and surrounding villages.

Entry into students' hostels, working women's hostels on the pretext of wishing will be termed as illegal and legal action would be initiated against such persons or groups. Consuming liquor on roads, throwing bottles and disturbances by bursting crackers is also banned.

Those attending parties and consuming liquor should hire a driver as drunken driving is against the law. The Police have constituted a special women Police team for the protection of women. Legal action would be initiated against the violators.

'Coorg Persons of the Year 2018'

Educationist Kolera Zaru Ganapathy and Industrialist Ashok Kumar Shetty share the title

Mysuru, Dec. 29- Two extraordinary individuals who went out of their way to face the challenges posed by the unprecedented floods and landslides which struck Kodagu this August, have shared the title of 'Coorg Person of the Year- 2018.'

The winners are Kolera Zaru Ganapathy, Chairperson, Sai Shankar Educational Institutions, Ponnampet and Chennai-based industrialist Ashok Kumar Shetty, owner of Sincona Estate.

Kodagu's first news portal *www.coorgtourisminfo.com* promoted by Journalist P.T. Bopanna picked these two persons jointly for the title of 'Coorg Person of the Year' after a poll conducted on behalf of the portal.

The year 2018 has been one of the most difficult years for Kodagu in living memory due to the unprecedented floods, death and devastation which ripped apart vast landmasses triggered by landslides. Under the circumstances, the choice for the Coorg Person title had to be from among those who played a critical role in reaching out to the victims of landslides. There were many people who came out of their comfort zones to rescue and offer help to the victims.

Zaru Ganapathy

Ashok Shetty

The Kodagu district administration and Central government agencies played a crucial role in the rescue efforts in the initial days of the landslides. Zilla Panchayat member Abdul Latif from Suntikoppa donated one acre of land to build houses for flood victims.

When educationist Zaru Ganapathy heard about the extent of the tragedy from one of his staff members stuck in his village following the landslides, he initially announced that he would take 25 students in his residential school. Gradually, parents of more children starting approaching him.

Speaking to this reporter, Ganapathy said: "Seeing their desperate condition, I could not say 'no' to them. Meanwhile, several NGOs and individuals came forward to provide uniforms, provisions and other requirements. A mere WhatsApp message listing out the requirements, received prompt response from donors."

Ganapathy said there were 130 students at present from the affected villages who are accommodated in the residential school. "We are giving them free education. We are ready to look after them for another three years. They are living with the regular boarders and eating the same food. We have not segregated them."

The second Coorg Person of the Year is Chennai-based Ashok Kumar Shetty, owner of Sincona Estate, on Madikeri-Somwarpet Highway, near Makkandur.

A 450 metre-long stretch of the Highway was washed away due to landslides, forcing villagers and students to trek through hills to reach their homes. Taking pity on the plight of the villagers, Shetty offered nearly two acres of his land to the Public Works Department for restoring the Highway link.

Considering the fact that around 40 acres of Shetty's own estate were damaged by landslides, his decision to part with the land for restoring Highway connectivity, is truly an extraordinary gesture. Speaking to this reporter from Chennai, Shetty said: "We have to help out our fellow beings. After all, we are not going to carry anything when we exit from this world."

Obituary

H.S. Jayalakshmi

Mysuru, Dec.29- H.S. Jayalakshmi (77), wife of retd. Railway employee late H.S. Ananta Raman and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away last evening. She leaves behind three sons M.A. Sriram (Photojournalist, *The Hindu)*, M.A. Ramanujan & M.A. Srinivas, two daughters Vedavalli & Ambuja and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Dr. Mehar Sultana

Dr. Mehar Sultana (64), daughter of late Maj. M.S. Khan and a resident of Bogadi here, passed away yesterday. She was serving as the Principal of Karwar PU College in Karwar.

She leaves behind her husband S. Nisar Ahmed Bilgunda (South Coorg), two daughters, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Kabristan Mosque in Bade Makan after Zohar.

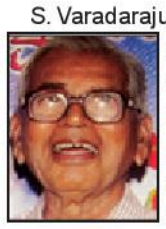
Sannuvanda Veena

Veena (Pullangada), wife of Sannuvanda M. Vishwanath (Prakash) of Balaji village in Mayamudi, Kodagu, passed away last night. She was 56.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at her native village this afternoon.

S. Varadaraju Poorigali

S. Varadaraju (91), retd. teacher and a resident of Madhuvana Layout in city, passed away on Dec.27. He leaves behind his wife, a son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.



Sulwadi temple tragedy

Mysuru-based advocate seeks bail for prime accused Immadi Mahadevaswamy

Kollegal, Dec.29 - Ten days after Salur Mutt Junior Seer Immadi Mahadevaswamy was arrested along with three others by the Police, for his alleged role in the poisoning of *prasadam* at Sulwadi Maramma Temple on Dec.14, which has so far claimed seventeen lives, a petition has been moved by a Mysuru-based advocate seeking bail for the Seer at a Kollegal Court.

Immadi Mahadevaswamy

It is learnt that an advocate from Mysuru, who is working as a Deputy to Bengaluru-based renowned advocate C.H. Hanumantharaya, has filed a bail application before the Additional District Court in the Town on Friday.

Ponnachi Mahadevaswamy, a local leader and Salur Mutt Educational Institutions Secretary, is said to have contacted the Mysuru-based advocate for moving the bail petition at Kollegal Court.

Following the temple tragedy, the Chamarajanagar Bar Association had passed a resolution not to take up the case on behalf of the accused. However, now the Mysuru-based advocate has petitioned the Kollegal Court seeking bail for the Seer.

Immadi Mahadevaswamy, the temple Manager Madesh, his wife Ambika and Doddaiah were arrested by the Police on Dec. 19 in connection with the Sulwadi temple case.

The Kollegal Court had remanded all the four accused to judicial custody till Jan. 3.

Secretary clarifies

Meanwhile, Ponnachi Mahadevaswamy, speaking to *SOM* said that he has been unnecessarily dragged into the bail issue of Salur Mutt Junior Seer.

Pointing out that he is the Secretary of the Educational Institutions run by the Mutt, Mahadevaswamy maintained that there was no question of him supporting Immadi Mahadevaswamy, who was been accused of the heinous act. As such, there was no question of him contacting any advocate for seeking bail to the accused, Ponnachi Mahadevaswamy clarified.

FOND REMEMBRANCE

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Tourism Brand Ambassador

Things begin to shape up with Yaduveer's role defined

Mysuru, Dec.29 (BCT)- On September 20, 2018, titular head of the Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar was invited by the Tourism Department to be the brand ambassador for Mysuru region. The invitation was extended by Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh at Yaduveer's residence in Mysore Palace.

The Tourism Minister had invited Yaduveer on the hope of tapping immense tourism potentiality of Mandya, Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar region. It was a widely publicised event and the Office of the Tourism Department said, Yaduveer had not only accepted the offer but also expressed his gratitude to the State Government for giving this offer and assured to extend all support and co-operation for promotion of tourism activities.

After this 'invitation extending ceremony', a formal meeting between Yaduveer and Tourism Department officials was held at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel yesterday. The meeting was attended by Tourism Department Director B. Ramu, Managing Director of Jungle Lodges and Resorts Vijay Sharma, and Managing Director of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Kumar Pushkar.

The meeting discussed Yaduveer's role in promoting tourism and how revenues could be mopped up for the Department and what are the new things to be introduced to attract more and more tourists.

It was discussed how as a representative of royal family that has rich traditions, Yaduveer can participate in tourism-related activities.

It was decided to convene another meeting with Tourism Minister soon to chalk out future course of action and to develop Mysuru region as one of the important tourist hubs in South India

Songs of Vishnu movies captivate audience

Mysuru, Dec.29 (YDS&US)- The packed audience at Platinum Jubilee Hall in J.K. Grounds here last evening was treated with captivating songs from Dr. Vishnuvardhan movies at the musical nite *'Nanna Haadu Nannadu'* organised by Ninaad Musical Trust.

The programme commenced with Neethu Ninaad rendering a devotional song.

A.S. Prasanna Kumar rendered the popular number from the movie 'Suprabhata', 'Nanna Haadu Nannadu' followed by 'Olume siriya kande' by Kashinath, 'Ananda Anandave' by Dr. Raghuveer and Apoorva. The foot-tapping song 'Sutta Mutta Yaruilla' by Dr. Subhash and Sharadamba received a thunderous applause from the audience.

Singers Dr. Brahmendra, Manjunath, Nagavalli, Kashinath, Aarati Muddaiah, Bhuvaneshwari, Mahesh Kumar, Divya Keshavan, Manmohan,

Dr. Anand, Ashwini Rao, Alphonsa, Lokesh, Amulya, Gopalkrishna and Nagendra too rendered popular songs of Vishnu movies.

Inaugurating the programme, former Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish H.A. Venkatesh opined that actors like Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Vishnuvardhan and Ambarish were immortal through their movies.

Mysuru Central Jail Chief Superintendent P.V. Ananda Reddy said that music was the best means to refresh the mind.

Aarati Muddaiah and Prasad School of Drums Teacher Dr. Raghavendraprasad were felicitated on the occasion.

A musical touch to Winter Festival...

MLA S.A. Ramdas** (second from left) **inaugurating the Musical Evening at Mysore Palace premises last evening organised as part of the ongoing Mysuru Winter Festival. Pictures right show singers Indu Nagaraj and Vyasaraj entertaining the audience with their performances.

Mysuru, Dec.29 (US)- As part of the ongoing Winter Festival, a music programme was held at the Palace premises here last evening where singer Ajay Warrier and troupe enthralled the gathering with popular Kannada film hits.

The Flower Show at the Palace premises embellished the ambience.

As a tribute to actor late Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Ajay rendered the hit song 'Ee bhoomi bannada buguri' from the movie *Mahakshatriya* with the most meaningful and thought-provoking lyrics.

Indu Nagaraj drew a good applause rendering '*Nambide ninna naadha devathe.*'

Singer Vyasaraj, Shashikala Sunil and others too rendered melodious songs.

MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurated the programme.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, Corporators B.V. Manjunath and Shoba, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Palace Accounts Officer Sayed Samiullah and others were present during the musical evening

State-level Science Expo

at Government Adarsha Vidyalaya

Mysuru, Dec.29 (PM&NNN)- More than 350 Higher Primary and High School students from standard 6 to 10 showcased their models at the State-level Science Exhibition organised jointly by Department of Education, Science and Technology Department, New Delhi, Department of State Education Research and Training, Mysuru District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, District Institutes of Education and Training, on Friday at Government Adarsha Vidyalaya, Police Quarters, near Police Bhavan here.

MLA and former Minister S.A. Ramdas, inaugurating the exhibition organised as part of *Inspire Awards,* said that parents and even students prefer to either study medicine or engineering, a trend that has continued. However, what the students are not exposed to are the ancient Indian Science, Mathematics, and Medicine.

Some of the greatest minds like Aryabhata, one of the first major Mathematician-Astronomer, Sushruta, ancient Indian Physician, Charaka, one of the first contributors to Ayurveda, Bhaskara, the Mathematician are there as shining examples to whom students should look up to, he said.

The British ruled the country for over 200 years and destroyed and looted the nation, while Germans came and took away nearly seven lakh palm scripts. They also encourage the study of Sanskrit in Germany, whereas in our own country, the demand for the subject is almost nil, he regretted.

In fact the Vedic Science laid the foundation for Science, for the whole world to follow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi keeping this in mind has encouraged the students to take up science with a renewed vigour and these *Inspire Awards* are a part of that movement, he said.

Students from Mysuru and Bengaluru regions are participating in the exhibition. Out of this 15 per cent from each region will be selected to participate at the national-level. Each student, who is selected, is given Rs.10,000 to present the model at the District and State-level.

Observers from Science and Technology Department, New Delhi, Tushargar, Rivesh Tiwari, Sanyukta Srivatsa, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, Council for Technical Education Assistant Director G.S. Prabhuswamy and others were present.

Rangapravesha of K. Nikitha at Jaganmohan Palace on Dec.30

Mysuru, Dec. 29 - Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of K. Nikitha, disciple of Vid. Sridhar Jain of *Apthamitra*-fame, has been organised at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium tomorrow (Dec.30) at 5.30 pm, under the aegis of Sri Nimishamba School of Dance, Mysuru.

Sri Somanatheshwara Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru, will grace the occasion. Retd. Principal of Maharaja's College and Rajyotsava awardee Prof. C. Sarvamangala, Noopura Kalavidara Cultural Trust Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao and Prof. H. Pattabhirama Somayaji of Mangaluru will be the chief guests.

Nikitha will be accompanied by Vid. Sridhar Jain on Natuvanga, Vid. Naveen Andagar on vocal, Vid. G.T. Swamy on mridanga, Vid. Shantha Kumar on violin and Vid. H.N. Ananthakrishna Swamy on rhythm pad.

Profile: Nikitha is the daughter of Film Director Mysore Krishna and R. Nirupama, residents of Kanakadasanagar. She began her journey in dance at a tender age of 9. She had keen interest in both Karnatak Music & Dance since childhood.

She has successfully completed her Bharatanatyam exam junior in the year 2013 under Vidushi Usha Achuthan of Ramakrishnanagar and her senior in the year 2017 under Vidushi Netra Nandan of Rajarajeshwarinagar, Mysuru. Now she is preparing for Vidwat. With many awards and certificates to her credit and being very passionate about dance, she continued her Bharatanatyam training under Vid. Sridhar Jain.

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Porn Invasion

Yippee... we are number three in the world ! First is USA, second is UK and third is India. Before we get too excited, no, we are not the third biggest economy in the world but the third biggest consumers of pornography in the world.

Pornhub, the largest pornography website has released their website's traffic statistics-2018 and it seems every minute 63,992 new visitors arrive at *Pornhub,* and every minute 2,07,405 videos are watched and every minute 7,708 Gigabytes of Data are transferred worldwide !

Yes, lot of people watch porn across the world. In fact, *MindGeek,* the company that owns pornographic websites such as *Pornhub, YouPorn* and others is one of the top bandwidth consuming companies in the world; they reportedly consume more bandwidth than Facebook and Amazon ! Some reports even claim Porn is a 5 billion dollar industry, that's about 35,000 crore.

Before you run off to buy a camera and shoot a film assuming you are going to get paid while shooting your pleasure gun at a gorgeous target, please remember male porn stars are injected with drugs right into their manhood to keep them standing up in rapt attention for a loooong time! Ouch. Now that you have been warned, what do Indians like?

First, it turns out Indian women too like porn. *Pornhub* states that of the traffic from India, 30% was from women and 70% from men. And Indian men it seems love *Bhabijis* or as *Pornhub* statisticians call it *MILFs* (Mom's I'd Like to F**K), pronounced as '*Mil-ef*' — this is a porn category with women actors in the age group of 30 to 45. This makes us wonder why don't these porn websites have *DILFs* (Dad's I'd Like to...)

Now the most interesting search statistic is this: While Indians love their MILFs, guess what our macho neighbours to the West are searching for? Pakistanis were searching for, as mentioned by the report, "Big di***s" aka large penises! May be ISI is searching for recruits who can pole vault across the border?

But it turns out one of the happiest countries in the world has quite a few not-so-happy women, as women from Bhutan watch more porn than the world average !

Guess, instead of going to Bangkok and paying for it, might as well go to the happiest country in the world and a make lady happy, it'll truly be a happy ending.

But the most shocking statistic is that Syria has climbed up in porn use ranking ! Between avoiding bombs and searching for food, where are they finding time to watch sex videos? Is it because a Syrian Refugee named Suleiman became a porn star in Germany which has piqued the interest of Syrians?

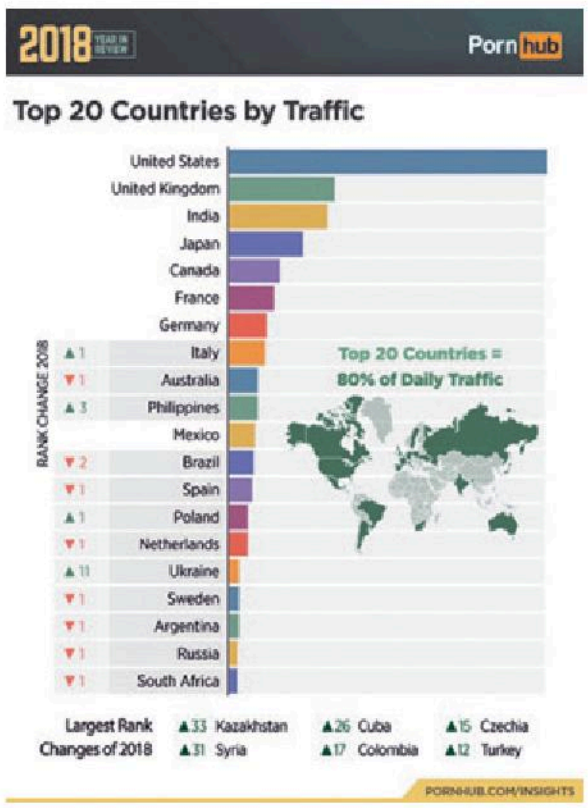
Personally I love porn movie titles. They have parodies of the original movie and also its title. Some of the movie names I can recall are *My-Bare Lady, The Rod Father, Forest Hump, Pulp Friction* and *Oceans 11 inches.* The recent one being a movie starring President Trump's former girlfriend Stormy Daniels, titled *Operation Desert Stormy.* Guess, if they had a Hindi porn movie and if it was a parady of Karan Johar's movie, it would be *Dildo Pagal Hai.*

Just going through the visual representation of the statistics on porn usage makes one wonder if cheap internet has led to porn invasion across the globe — a *Pornvasion?*

It's mind-boggling how much Data is wasted on frivolous content on the net. But what effect does this have on our reality and more so on young minds? Is it making them more promiscuous and addictive?

We have to ask this because *India Today* magazine in a sextion... sorry, section, titled *'Kids Gone Wild,'* reported that 95% of teenagers have kissed someone romantically ! And shockingly, 22% boasted of what even adults can't — they have an active sex life and had watched porn with their partner ! Guess, after Generation X, it's Generation Sex.

Our world is changing and with that children today are growing up fast, especially in matters of sex as access to porn and adult content has become pervasive and ubiquitous.



Sex is an awkward subject but then kids have grown up...Time we adults did too and dealt with it.

Parents have to make sure their Internet has parental lock and parents of teenagers can only sit down and have "the" talk.

Porn cannot be stopped, but we have to be wary of it because it can be addictive and affect other facets of our life. And if this happens, it's time to head to 'Services for Healthy Use of Technology' (SHUT) clinic at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru. This clinic helps in all forms of digital de-addiction from Porn to Facebook.

At this point, the only people untouched by digital voyeurism or porn are probably the Senteneliese tribe and with the recent episode in Andamans they will be safe from *Pornvasion* for a long time to come.

P.S.: If you are wondering who are the least porn inclined in India, according to *India Today* survey it is Ranchi. It seems, 68% have never watched porn ! Later, we also heard that a lot of pants were on fire in Ranchi after this survey.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 29th December 2018

ADIEU 2018

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'it will be happier.'

– Alfred Lord Tennyson

Each New Year comes with fresh new chapters of our lives and 2019 stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. As 2018 draws to an end, it felt like it was a roller-coaster of a ride in Karnataka with a series of disasters — both natural and man-made. While it was a politically significant year as coalition set up of JD(S)-Congress came to power, there were a lot of tragedies that struck the State. Previously unheard of floods and landslides hit Kodagu bringing untold miseries to people who are still facing after-effects of the disaster. There were a couple of man-made tragedies that make us hang our heads in shame. The latter part of 2018 saw the death of 30 passengers when a speeding private bus fell into a Canal at Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura. Also, 17 persons died after they ate poisoned prasadam of Maramma Temple at Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar — an incident that was an offshoot of avarice, hunger for power and illicit relationship. This *Weekend Star Supplement* gives a glimpse of some of the most popular newsworthy posts of 2018 — Karnataka, India and World. Moving into a New Year, an awareness of the happenings of the past year will help make the world a better place to live.

THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2018

JANUARY

Jan.1 : G. Lakshmi N. Rao (87), wife of science writer late G.T. Narayana Rao (GTN), passes away; Renowned violinist Vidwan S. Mahadevappa (87) dies.

Jan.2 : 12-hour nationwide strike by Doctors against replacement of Medical Council of India (MCI) with National Medical Commission (NMC); Badminton player and Olympian Ashwini Ponnappa chosen 'Coorg Person of the Year - 2017.'

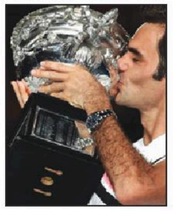
Jan.5 : **Governor V.R. Vala inaugurates Golden Jubilee Conference of Indian Speech and Hearing Association at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing.**

Jan.12 : Four senior Judges of Supreme Court go public, address media against Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra.

Jan.21 : Mysurean V. Steve Richard first Indian Marine Engineer at North Pole.

Jan.22 : Om Prakash Rawat appointed new Chief Election Commissioner.

Jan.24 : S. Bhagyavathi, who shifted loyalties from Congress to JD(S)-BJP alliance, elected as 31st Mayor of Mysuru. Indira Mahesh from JD(S), elected Deputy Mayor. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Chief Lalu Prasad was convicted in the third Fodder Scam case by a special CBI Court in Ranchi.



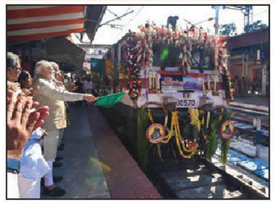
Jan.25 : **BJP President Amit Shah in city.**

Jan.27 : Noted Kannada actor 'Edakallu Guddada Mele' fame Chandrashekhar (63) passes away in Canada.

Jan.28 : **Roger Federer wins sixth Australian Open and 20th Grand Slam.**

Jan.30 : Former MRC Chairman Dr. R. Rajendra Prasad (70) passes away in Bengaluru.

FEBRUARY



Feb.1 : U.M. Madappa, member of First State Assembly, 1952, dies in Bengaluru.

Feb.5 : Governor Vajubhai R. Vala addresses Joint Session of the State Legislature.

Feb.7 : President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates 20-day 88th Mahamastakabhisheka of 57-feet monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali at Shravanabelagola.

Feb.10 : Indra Nooyi, the PepsiCo-Chairman and CEO, appointed to ICC Board as its first independent female Director.

Feb.16 : Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar inaugurates 40th anniversary of *Star of Mysore.*

Feb.18 : Melukote MLA K.S. Puttannaiah (69) dies after a massive heart attack; Thousands march in Mysuru to protest Rly. line in Kodagu; Governor, CM receive PM Modi at night at Mysore Airport.

Feb.19 : **Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off Palace Queen Humsafar Weekly Express train at Mysuru City Railway Station;** Electrification of Railway Line between Mysuru and Bengaluru commissioned by PM Modi.

Feb.20 : Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, took charge as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka

Feb.21 : Kamal Haasan launches party, names it 'Makkal Needhi Maiam';

Feb.22 : Former Parakala Mutt Secretary Venkatanathan (85) passes away.

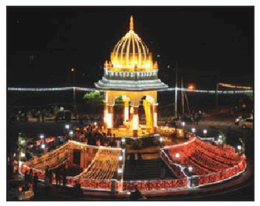
Feb.23 : Kannada writer and Woman Rights activist Vijaya Dabbe (66) passes away.

Feb.24 : Aruna Budda Reddy created history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to clinch an individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup in Melbourne.

Feb.25 : **Bollywood actor Sridevi (54) passes away in Dubai after a cardiac arrest**.

Feb.28 : Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal (82), the 69th Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, passes away.

MARCH



Mar.2 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism K.J. Alphons inaugurates 'Mysore Travel Mart 18' at J.K. Grounds.

Mar.3 : Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director S. Manikandan (46) killed by wild tusker.

Mar.5 : **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa statue unveiled in Mysuru.**

Mar.7 : Lokayukta Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty stabbed.

Mar.8 : CM Siddharamaiah unveils new Karnataka State Flag.

Mar.9 : Supreme Court allows passive euthanasia.

Mar.10 : Chief Minister Siddharamaiah inaugurates 250-bed Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and Trauma Care Centres on KRS Road.

Mar.12 : K.B. Sivakumar takes charge as Mysuru DC; B.B. Cauvery of Mysuru takes charge as Chamarajanagar DC.

Mar.14 : Prof. Stephen Hawking, physicist and author, passes away at 76; Amit Singh takes over Mysuru SP.

Mar.16 : Former Mysuru ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath nominated as AICC Member.

Mar.20 : Vladimir Putin elected for fourth term as Russian President.

Mar.23 : 11 injured as gas balloon explodes at Srirangapatna; Retd. KIKS Professor G.R. Thippeswamy (63) dies while lecturing.

Mar.24 : Congress President Rahul Gandhi interacts with students of Maharani's College.

Mar.26 : MUDA distributes 525 sites at Lalithadrinagar (North).

Mar.30 : BJP National President Amit Shah in city.

Mar.31 : **Vice Admiral A.R. Karve of the Southern Command, dedicates unveils War Memorial at renovated 'Sunny Side,' the residence of General Kodandera S. Thimayya, on the occasion of his 112th birth anniversary.**

A musical chair? It's an official thing.

Into the habit of frequently transferring Deputy Commissioners, the Government transferred D. Randeep and appointed K.B. Sivakumar in his place. After a few days, Darpan Jain was asked to take over. Later, Abhiram G. Sankar was appointed — four DCs in little over one-and-a-half months.

D. Randeep
Aug.12, 2016
to
Mar.12, 2018

K.B. Sivakumar
Mar.12, 2018
to
Apr.17, 2018

Darpan Jain
Apr.17, 2018
to
Apr.30, 2018

Abhiram G. Sankar
Apr. 30, 2018
(till date)

One University... Many in-charge VCs... At last a VC

Six academicians were appointed as VCs (in-charge) of Mysore Varsity after Prof. K.S. Rangappa demitted office on Jan.10, 2017: Prof. Yashwanth Dongre, Prof. Dayanand Mane & Prof. C. Basavaraju (2017), Prof. Ningamma Betsur, Prof. T.K. Umesh and Prof. Aisha M. Sheriff (2018). However, on Nov. 17, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar took charge as VC.

Hemantha Kumar

APRIL

Apr.2 : Cricketer M.S. Dhoni and multiple billiards world champion Pankaj Advani receive Padma Bhushan from President Ram Nath Kovind.

Apr.4 : K.H. Jagadeesha takes charge as MCC Commissioner.

Apr.5 : Film star Salman Khan was pronounced guilty by a Jodhpur Court in blackbuck poaching filed against him in 1998.

Apr.7 : An Upper Court grants bail to Salman Khan, 48 hours after a Trial Court convicted him for poaching two blackbucks.

Apr.8 : Noted writer Dr. K. Prabhushankar (89) passes away.

Apr.10 : Actress B. Saroja Devi in city.

Apr.11 : Plant grafting expert Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa (75) passes away.

Apr.12 : MRC Racing Commentator Madhukar Bhagavan (57) passes away.

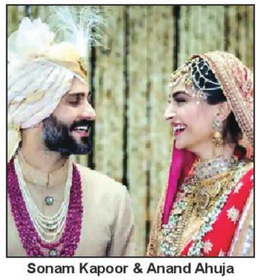
Apr.16 : **CWG concludes - India claims 26 gold, stands third best.**

Apr.17 : Darpan Jain takes charge as Mysuru Deputy Commissioner.

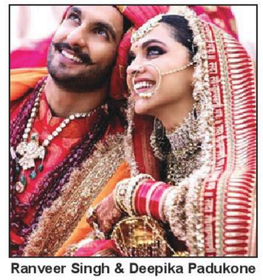
Apr.25 : Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) President and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati in city; National BJP Spokesperson Meenakshi Lekhi in city. Self-styled Godman Asaram found guilty of raping teen; **Voters' awareness - Hundreds of volunteers form human chain, hold torchlight parade at K.R. Circle.**

Apr.29 : **Rafael Nadal clinches 11th Barcelona title.**

Celebrity Weddings



Sonam Kapoor & Anand Ahuja
(In Mumbai on May 8)



Ranveer Singh & Deepika Padukone
(In Italy on Nov.14)

Priyanka Chopra & Nick Jonas
(In Jodhpur on Dec.1)

Saina Nehwal & Parupalli Kashyap
(In Hyderabad on Dec.14)

MAY

May 2 : City's renowned doctor, writer, art patron and a pro-society thinker Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai (73) passes away; Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani in city.

May 4 : Jayanagar (Bengaluru) BJP MLA Vijayakumar (60) dies of heart attack; Bollywood actor and Politician Raj Babbar in city.

May 5 : BJP National President Amit Shah in city.

May 12 : **15th Karnataka Assembly Elections-2018**

May 13 : Intl. Volleyball Coach M.S. Madhegowda (68) passes away.

May 15 : Hung Assembly in Karnataka.

May 17 : BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa takes oath as 24th CM of Karnataka.

May 19 : Yeddyurappa resigns before Floor Test.

May 23 : **Janata Dal (Secular) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy takes oath as the 25th Chief Minister.**

May 25 : ITDC transfers Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel to Karnataka Government; HDK wins Trust Vote with 116 MLAs as BJP walks out; K.R. Ramesh Kumar becomes Assembly Speaker.

May 26 : Leading advocate and former MLA H. Gangadharan (92) passes away in Mysuru; Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji celebrates 76th birthday, receives new Guinness World Record title on World's largest special postal stamp depicting 'Vishwam' Museum.

May 28 : Former Union Minister and newly-elected Congress MLA Siddu B. Nyamagouda (70) dies in a road accident.

May 29 : Hampi University confers Nadoja Award on Pt. Rajiv Taranath.

May 30 : Veteran journalist and freedom fighter T. Venkataram (92) passes away.

JUNE

June 1 : Prof. Mohammed Ismail Khan Durrani, popularly known as Prof. M.I.K. Durrani (91), passes away in city.

June 2 : Ustad Krishna Jettappa (94) of the famed 'Vajramushti Kaalaga', passes away.

June 9 : Vintage car collector in Kodagu P.C. Ahmed Kutti Haji (67) dies as tree branch falls on him.

June 10 : Nadal claims record-extending French Open title.

June 11 : Dr. S.K. Shivakumar (55), Assistant Professor of the Forensic Science Department at MMC&RI, passes away.

June 21 : **60,000 yoga enthusiasts perform mass yoga at MRC at the foot of Chamundi Hill to mark Fourth International Day of Yoga;** Mandya CMC President H.C. Boregowda (52) dies in sleep.

June 24 : Cleanest City: Mysuru slips to 8th position; Mysuru Railway Station gets high-speed WiFi.

June 25 : Kumbhabhisheka atop Chamundi Hill; Seethalakshmi (92), beggar woman who donated Rs.2.5 lakh to a temple, passes away.

THE YEAR GONE BY - 2018

JULY

July 1 : Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh tells MCC to hand over aquarium to Zoo; Dr. Sarika Prasad is new District Chairman of Inner Wheel.

July 2 : **The first full Legislature Session of the JD(S)-Congress coalition government begins at Vidhana Soudha.**

July 4 : Dinesh Gundu Rao appointed KPCC President; Ajit Kulkarni takes over as Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

July 5 : Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy presents Budget.

July 6 : Chief Justice of India is the "master of the roster" and has the power to assign cases, Supreme Court rules.

July 7 : Y.P. Udayashankar is Mysore Sports Club President.

July 9 : Former Higher Education Minister B.A. Moideen (81) passes away.

July 16 : Catholic Priest Fr. Denis Victor Noronha (86) passes away.

July 17 : Veteran actor Rita Bhaduri passes away at 62.

July 18 : Writer D. Lalitha Rao passes away at 60.

July 19 : Sri Lakshmivara Theertha (55) of Shiroor Mutt passes away.

July 20 : **CM H.D. Kumaraswamy offers Bagina to Cauvery at KRS.**

July 22 : Former Minister Vimalabai Deshmukh passes away in Vijayapura.

July 26 : Prof. Shivaramu Kadanakuppe (65), retired Principal of Vidyavardhaka PU College, passes away; Jeevu Bai (91), wife of late science writer Prof. J.R. Lakshman Rao, passes away.

July 29 : C.S. Ravishankar elected as JWGC President.

AUGUST

Aug.2 : K.V. Sharath Chandra is the new IGP (Southern Range).

Aug.3 : Ichettira B. Uthaiah from Kodagu appointed as Rear Admiral of Indian Navy.

Aug.5 : **Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu wins Silver medal in World Badminton Championship.**

Aug.7 : Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary ravaged by heavy water release from KRS Dam; Kannada writer and poet Sumatheendra Nadig (86) passes away; Former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK Chief M. Karunanidhi passes away at 94.

Aug.8 : Former Minister Thippeswamy (76) passes away in Bengaluru.

Aug.9 : Flash Flood - Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway blocked.

Aug.11 : Nobel prize-winning author V.S. Naipaul (85) passes away.

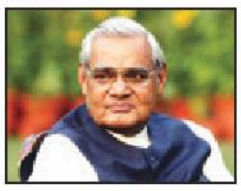
Aug.12 : Diplomat-politician Pavan Varma attends Mysuru Literary Fest by Mysore Literary Association in city; Viraj Madappa becomes youngest Indian Golfer to win Asian Tour title.

Aug.13 : Former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee (89) passes away.

Aug.14 : **1,20,000 cusecs of water released from KRS.**

Aug.15 : Former India Cricket captain Ajit Wadekar (77) passes away.

Aug.16 : **Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (93) passes away;** Heavy Rains wreak havoc in Kodagu - Three killed in landslide in Madikeri; Floodgates of Harangi, KRS and Kabini Dams fully open.



Aug.18 : Massive rescue operations by Army, Navy in flood-hit Kodagu.

Aug.23 : Journalist, author, High Commissioner Kuldeep Nayyar dies at 95.

Aug.24 : AIMIM President and MP Asaduddin Owaisi in city; Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visits Kodagu.

Aug.27 : TV show presenter Karan Thapar in city for the launch of his book 'Devil's Advocate - The untold story' by Mysuru Book Clubs 2015.

Aug.28 : Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu at Suttur, Mysuru; CM opens Centre of Excellence at J.K. Tyres.

SEPTEMBER

Sept.1 : Popular Jain Monk Tarun Sagar (51) passes away in New Delhi.

Sept.4 : J.M. Poonacha (94), retired CFTRI Scientist, passes away.

Sept.7 : Cricket legend Brett Lee in city.

Sept.15 : Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Founder, Isha Foundation, lectures at RIE.

Sept.19 : Veteran actor Sadashiva Brahmavar (90) no more.

Sept.21 : **Premier Studio on Hunsur Road razed.**

Sept.25 : Late Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar kidnap case: Court acquits all nine accused for lack of evidence after 18 years; Sadhguru's Isha Outreach gets Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar; Dronacharya Award for boxing coach C.A. Kuttappa of Mysuru.

Sept.26 : Aadhaar constitutionally valid, rules Supreme Court.

Sept.28 : **Women of all ages can enter Sabarimala Temple in Kerala: Supreme Court.**

OCTOBER

Oct.1 : Good Samaritan Bill of Karnataka gets President's nod.

Oct.2 : Mysuruean Gita Gopinath appointed as IMF Chief Economist; **The girl holding the lamp in the celebrated painting 'Glow of Hope' Gita Uplekar (102) dies at her daughter's house in Kolhapur in western Maharashtra.**

Oct.4 : Former DGP C. Dinakar (77) passes away.

Oct.5 : Bengaluru Dy. Mayor Ramila Umashankar (44) dies of heart attack; Lalita Kala Akademi Awards presented to Mysuru-based artist and senior photographer S.M. Jambukeshwar.

Oct.10 : Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty inaugurates Dasara festivities atop Chamundi Hill.

Oct.13 : Dasara Open Street Festival.

Oct.16 : **KRS glows with 3D light and cultural events on floating stage.**

Oct.19 : **Dasara Jumboo Savari taken out;** Pramoda Devi Wadiyar's mother Puttarathnammanni and sister-in-law Vishalakshi Devi no more; Vijayadashami at Palace postponed; Bhavani of Kodagu scales Russia's highest mountain Mount Elbrus.

Oct.20 : Prof. M. Pushpavathi takes charge as AIISH Director.

Oct.21 : 'Sir Cecil' wins the Mysore Derby.

Oct.22 : Suspended Vijayadashami held at Mysore Palace.

Oct.23 : Thousands witness Chamundeshwari Chariot Fest atop Hill.

Oct.25 : Justice A.S. Bopanna is new Chief Justice of Gauhati HC.

Oct.27 : Former Delhi CM Madan Lal Khurana (82) passes away.

Oct.28 : Grand light show at Dasara Exhibition Grounds opened by Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh; Arogya Karnataka rolls out in Mysuru district; Roger Federer claims 99th ATP title.

Oct.29 : Boeing 737 crashes in sea off Jakarta; Veteran Kannada Film Director M.S. Rajashekar (75) passes away.

Oct.30 : Senior Advocate B. Radha (62) passes away.

Oct.31 : PM Modi unveils world's tallest statue, Statue of Unity in honour of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Gujarat.

LOOKING BACK - 2018

NOVEMBER

Nov.2 : AICC Member and former Mysuru ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath appointed as President of Karnataka State Mahila Congress; Nepal's first transgender model Anjali Lama walks ramp at Mysore Fashion Week - Season 5.

Nov.3 : Dr. Veerendra Heggade inaugurates newly constructed Asha Prakash Shetty Bunts Convention Hall in city; Polling to Lok Sabha By-poll to Ballari, Mandya and Shivamogga and Assembly By-poll to Ramanagaram and Jamkhandi.

Nov.6 : District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) dedicates nine statues of Mahatma Gandhi installed at the five-acre Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri; By-poll winners - L.R. Shivarame Gowda (JD-S, Mandya), Anitha Kumaraswamy (JD-S, Ramanagaram), V.S. Ugrappa (Congress, Ballari), Anand Nyamagouda (Congress, Jamkhandi) and Raghavendra (BJP, Shivamogga).

Nov.7 : Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on JLB Road demolished.

Nov.11 : Ballari's mining baron Gali Janardhana Reddy arrested in Ponzi Scam.

Nov.12 : **Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar (59) dies in Bengaluru;** Stan Lee, creator of Spiderman comics, dies at 95.

Nov.15 : Swami Jagadaathmanandaji (89) of Ponnampet R.K. Ashrama passes away in city; Jawa bikes launched in Mumbai.

Nov.16 : Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar appointed as 25th VC of Mysore University.

Nov.17 : Pushpalatha Jagannath of Cong. is new Mayor; Shafi Ahmed of JD(S) Deputy

Nov.18 : Former RBI Governor Dr. Y.V. Reddy and former R&AW Chief A.S. Dulat attend second edition of Mysuru Literature Festival in city.

Nov.21 : Boiler blast at NSL Sugars at Koppa near Maddur, Mandya

Nov.24 : 30 passengers killed as private bus plunges into Visvesvaraya Canal near Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya; **Legendary Kannada actor and former Union Minister Ambarish dies at 66;** Boxer Mary Kom lifts record 6th gold medal at Boxing Worlds.

Nov.25 : **Former Union Railway Minister C.K. Jaffer Sharief (85) passes away in Bengaluru.**

Nov.29 : Prof. C. Sarvamangala (Literature), H.N. Bhargava (Cinema) and Geeta Ramanujam (Education) from Mysuru among 63 persons get Kannada Rajyotsava State Awards.

Nov.30 : Former American President George Herbert Walker Bush dies at 94.

DECEMBER

Dec.1 : Governor V.R. Vala inaugurates Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall at Muktagangothri and Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli.

Dec.4 : Election Commissioners of 19 States Meet in City.

Dec.9 : Union Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurates the Kannur International Airport making Kerala the only State in India to have four International airports.

Dec.10 : **Salumarada Thimmakka and Lingambudhi Parks inaugurated;** Winter Session of State Legislature begins at Belagavi.

Dec.11 : Shaktikanta Das, who oversaw demonetisation, is new RBI Governor.

Dec.12 : Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Biddanda Chengappa Nanda passes away in Madikeri. He was 87.

Dec.14 : 11 people die after consuming prasadam at Maramma Temple in Sulwadi village of Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar - total number of death stands now at 17; Ace shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap tie knot.

Dec.15 : 48 students injured as fire breaks out due to short circuit at the UPS Facility Room in Post-Matric Students Hostel for Girls in Vontikoppal.

Dec.19 : Music Instruments Section opened at Vishwam Museum in Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama.

Dec.22 : Eight Congress Legislators sworn-in as Ministers of Kumaraswamy Cabinet.

Dec.23 : New electric train (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit - MEMU) flagged off from Mysuru to Bengaluru; Mysuru's first flyover inaugurated at Hinkal Junction.

Dec.24 : Senior JD(S) leader Thoppanahalli Prakash (50) stabbed to death by miscreants in Maddur.

Dec.25 : **Irwin Road Widening: GTD performs guddali puja;** Developmental works to be completed by April, 2019.

[Compiled by B.N. Ramya]

A politically charged up year for Karnataka

Karnataka witnessed a politically charged 2018 with three major parties — Congress, BJP and JD(S) — fighting a no-holds barred Assembly elections in May, the result of which pushed the State into another tryst with a coalition Government after a gap of over a decade.

The build-up for the Assembly polls began right at the start of the year with parties using every weapon in their political armoury to woo the electorate. In February, Prime Minister Narendra Modi set the tone for campaign three months before election by addressing a mammoth rally at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru.

As days progressed, parties stepped up their campaign with leaders holding rallies at every nook and corner of the State. It was a question of survival for the Congress as at that time Karnataka was the only major State which it ruled.

As far as the BJP, which was ruling the country, it launched a blistering attack on the Congress and set itself a 'Mission 150' target while the JD(S) wanted to come to power on its own by appealing the electorates to reject the two National parties and give it a chance.

When the Election Commission announced the poll schedule on Mar. 27, the three parties began to rework their strategies taking into consideration the then situation. The then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, taking note of Veerashaiva-Lingayats backing the BJP, tried to divide the BJP vote bank by recommending to the Centre for granting a religious minority status to Lingayats.

As the Congress was on a sticky wicket, especially in North Karnataka, with some Veerashaiva-Lingayat associations strongly condemning the Congress government's move, Siddharamaiah continued to bat for separate Lingayat religion tag, which irked the majority community.

Bowing to pressure from different Congress camps, Siddharamaiah chose to contest from Chamundeshwari in Mysuru, which he once represented many times in the past, after leaving his Varuna Constituency for his son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah.

Learning that Dr. Yathindra was contesting from Varuna

on a Congress ticket, the then opposition BJP, brought in B.Y. Vijayendra, younger son of former CM B.S. Yeddyurappa, to contest from Varuna, But with just a day left for the deadline for filing of nominations to end, the BJP High Command, in a shocking decision, asked Vijayendra not to file his candidature.

The rest was history, as Congress candidate had virtual walkover against BJP candidate Thotadappa Basavaraju, winning by a huge margin.

Siddharamaiah contested from two seats — one in North Karnataka and the other in South — Chamundeshwari and Badami in Bagalkot district. The JD(S), which was hell-bent on defeating Siddharamaiah in Chamundeshwari, fielded party strongman G.T. Devegowda. In Badami, the BJP, vowing to defeat Siddharamaiah, fielded its Valmiki strongman B. Sriramulu, then a Ballari MP, who also contested from Molakalamuru.

While Siddharamaiah badly lost Chamundeshwari, he succeeded in just touching the goal post in Badami, scraping through by a margin of over just 1,700 votes against Sriramulu.

In Mandya, cine actor and former Minister Ambarish, who was unceremoniously dropped by Siddharamaiah in a cabinet rejig in June 2016, chose not to contest again citing health issues. Ambarish also chose to stay away from campaigns.

When the results were out on May 15, the Congress had fared poorly in Mandya, losing all the 7 Assembly seats to JD(S) by a huge margin, in what was seen as a JD(S) wave across the district. The then State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy, who, like Siddharamaiah, had contested from Channapattana and Ramanagaram, won from both the seats with huge margins.

The Congress also fared badly in the coastal belt, with only U.T. Khader winning from Mangaluru seat while all other party candidates in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts lost badly. The Congress also failed to make any impact in Hassan, the home district of JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, by drawing a blank while the BJP recorded a remarkable win in Hassan city Assembly Constituency.

The year 2018 also saw the demise of sitting MLAs K.S. Puttannaiah (Melukote), Y.N. Rudregowda (Belur) and B.N. Vijaykumar (Jayanagar-Bengaluru). Vijayakumar, who had filed his nomination as BJP candidate from Jayanagar, died a few days before the polls, following which the Election Commission deferred the elections and in the elections that ensued a month later, Sowmya Reddy of Congress wrested the seat from the BJP.

On results day, it initially looked like the BJP would sail through, but as the day progressed, there was a dramatic twist in the tale, with the BJP failing 9 short of the magic figure of 113 to form the Government. Even before the BJP was to realise what was happening, the Congress, which had won 78 seats, in a swift and dramatic move, stitched an alliance in no time with the JD(S), which had bagged just 38 seats.

H.D. Kumaraswamy of the JD(S) became the Chief Minister and the rest is history as the State moves to the Year of our Lord 2019, looking forward to the General Lok Sabha elections to take place in a couple of months. **—DM**

M.Ed Question Paper 'repeat': HoD relieved from examination duty for two years

Re-examination on Jan.6; University of Mysore to be digitalised by 2020; first University to become 'paperless' in country

Mysuru, Dec.29 (RK&NNN)- In the light of the allegation that last year's (2017) question paper of M.Ed. (Master of Education) Examination on the subject 'Introduction to Education Studies' under the CBCS (Choice Based Credit System) was repeated this year during the first semester examination, the Head of the Department (HoD) of Education Prof.K.B. Praveen has been relieved from examination duties for two years and a fine of Rs.20,000 imposed, at the Syndicate Meeting of University of Mysore held here yesterday.

The Syndicate Members who felt that Prof. Praveen had shown negligence in printing the questions papers which were a repeat of the 2017 first semester exam, have not only taken this decision but also decided to hold the re-examination related to M.Ed first semester exam on Jan.6.

It was decided in the Syndicate meeting to impose a fine of Rs.20,000 on Prof. Praveen and not to allow him to participate in setting up question papers, printing and evaluation of answer scripts, said University of Mysore Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar who chaired the meeting.

Electric Motor Carts

In the vast University campus at Manasagangothri where each Department is spread out, the Syndicate meeting decided to purchase three environmental-friendly electric motor carts for the convenience of the teachers, students and staff to move about freely. In the beginning three carts will be purchased and if found useful, the number will be increased. Including Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. J. Somashekar, six members were present in the meeting.

Digital University

The meeting also decided to convert the University of Mysore into a Digital University by 2020 by computerising all its teaching and non-teaching Departments.

Already, a software has been developed and the university staff will undergo training for this purpose.

Since Vice-Chancellor Prof. Hemantha Kumar himself is from the Computer Science Department, the University will be digitalised very soon, said a Syndicate Member who participated in the meeting, expressing his confidence.

At every stage 'e-method' will be adopted and including approval and sanctions will all be done digitally. Right from the clerks, Deputy Registrars, Registrars and the Vice-Chancellor will all have to work through 'soft copy' process.

Once the process is digitalised, then everything will be seen on the computer and approvals and sanctions can be given sitting in the same place thus dispensing with file movements from chamber to chamber.

Thus University of Mysore will become the first 'paperless' office in the country. Already the technical development regarding this is in its final stages and both the teaching and non-teaching staff will be trained to use the digital format.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled ***"Muslim leaders meet at Hotel"*** (*SOM* dated Dec. 27), it was mentioned that All India Milli Council's City Unit President Maulana Zaka Ullah said that the minorities' support to the Congress was dwindling after the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition incident and maintained that Muslims have not been voting for the Congress since then. It may please be read as:

"All India Milli Council Mysuru District President Moulana Zaka Ullah said that since Independence country's Muslims were favouring Congress but unfortunately Congress is not giving their rights. Now we demand inclusion of six Muslims in the State Cabinet as Ministers including NR Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait as one among them." **—Ed**

Senior IPS Officer

Madhukar Shetty passes away

K. Madhukar Shetty

Bengaluru, Dec.29- Senior IPS Officer from the State K. Madhukar Shetty (47) passed away at a private hospital in Hyderabad on Friday night following brief illness.

He was hospitalised over a week ago for suspected H1N1 infection-induced Pneumonia. He underwent surgery at the Hyderabad hospital on Wednesday and was on life support. He passed away at about 8.30 pm.

He was serving as Deputy Director of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy at Hyderabad. Madhukar Shetty was the son of renowned journalist late Vaddarse Raghuram Shetty who started Kannada newspaper '*Mungaru*' in the 1980s.

Hailing from Udupi, the 1999 batch IPS Officer (Karnataka Cadre) served as ASP in Bengaluru Rural District, as Chamarajanagar SP, Chikkamagalur SP and as SP of Special Task Force during the last phase of anti-Veerappan operations.

Known as an upright officer, he played a major role in Karnataka Lokayukta's inquiry into the Ballari mining scam as Lokayukta SP. He later took a five-year sabbatical and went to the US to study further.

Madhukar Shetty had recently returned to service and was serving as the Deputy Director of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy at Hyderabad.

Bangalore Golf Club to make way for Legislators' Club?

H.D. Revanna

Bengaluru, Dec. 29- Is the State government planning to set up a Legislators' Club on the premises of the Bangalore Golf Club? Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru yesterday, PWD Minister H.D. Revanna said the government is on the lookout for appropriate land to set up an exclusive recreational club for legislators in the heart of Bengaluru.

"We are thinking of setting up the Legislators' Club on the Golf Club premises. If need be, we will take over the existing club or have it vacated," he said. "I am serious about this. The lease of Golf Club will end in 2021. There are several violations by the Golf Club. We had issued a notice to the club in October. They do not have permission to run a hotel and bar, or construct a hotel on the premises."

"We are issuing another notice and if the situation arises we will take over," he said. According to Public Works Secretary Krishna Reddy, the Bangalore Golf Club got the land in 1882 during British rule, and the land's lease was being renewed once every ten years.

"There is a lot of violations there (Golf club)....I have told our Secretary if action is not taken, I will take action against him. I have told the Secretary today, to take up the issue seriously and issue notice to them," Revanna said.

The 18-hole golf course is located on a 60-acre plot. The Legislators Club will also have facilities for journalists, Revanna added.

Claiming to be a masseur, he robbed customers of jewels

Mysuru, Dec.29- In a major catch, the Lashkar Police, who arrested a conman, have recovered jewellery worth Rs. 6.10 lakh and Rs. 1,720 cash, which he had stolen from victims.

The arrested has been identified as K.P. Sumesh, 30, of Anamangad village in Perinthalmanna Taluk of Malappuram District in Kerala.

Sumesh, who used to camp in a city lodge, used to lure customers over phone by claiming to be an expert in massaging. When the unsuspecting customers visited the lodge for having a massage, Sumesh used to sedate them by offering cool drinks and rob them of their belongings, once they fell asleep.

Acting on a tip off, the Lashkar Police picked up Sumesh near a lodge on Keshava Iyengar street on Dec.23. During interrogation, Sumesh is said to have confessed to relieving his customers of their jewellery and cash, following which 203 gm of gold jewellery totally was recovered.

With the arrest of Sumesh, the Police have cracked 10 such robbery cases, including three each in the city and Bengaluru, two in Hassan and one each in Mandya and Kolar.

The nabbing and seizure operation was carried out by Lashkar Police Inspector H.R. Vivekananda, PSI Pooja S. Hattaraki and other staff under the guidance of DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and Devaraja ACP Gajendra Prasad.

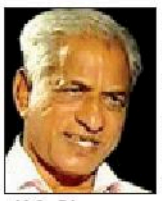
Mobile thief arrested

Mysuru, Dec.29- The Jayalakshmipuram Police, who arrested a 27-year-old youth, have recovered six mobile phones allegedly stolen/snatched by him. The Police have also seized a motorcycle allegedly used for carrying out the crime.

The arrested has been identified as Sunil, a resident of Ramakrishnagar in the city.

Acting on a tip off, Police took Sunil into custody on Dec. 27. During interrogation, he confessed to have stolen cell phones, following which six mobile phones, all worth Rs. 93,000, were recovered from him.

Prof. Bhagawan courts trouble again; security tightened


K.S. Bhagawan

Mysuru, Dec.29 (UNI)- Police are providing security to the controversial writer and rationalist Prof. K.S. Bhagawan to avoid untoward incidents.

He often targets Lord Rama for reasons better known to him and the latest one in his book *'Rama Mandira - Yeke Beda?'* has apparently angered many Hindu organisations. With pro-Hindu outfits threatening to go to Bhagawan's house and worship the photo of Rama there, two Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) teams and Kuvempunagar Police are providing security.

As a measure of precaution, the Police have taken custody of those who were trying to barge into his house. Police have arrested BJP Yuva Morcha President Nishanth who was leading the protest near Prof. Bhagawan's house.

Nishanth arrived near the residence of Prof. Bhagawan yesterday holding a photo of Rama when he was stopped. Pro-Hindu organisations were threatening to lay siege to the writer's house for unsavoury comments against Rama. Along with Nishanth, the members of BJP Yuva Morcha were also taken into custody, later released. BJP Yuva Morcha

BJP Yuva Morcha President Nishanth leading a protest near Prof. Bhagawan's house in city yesterday.

City President Gokul Govardhan has filed a complaint against Bhagawan on the charge of hurting the religious sentiments of the people, at Nazarbad Police Station yesterday. Govardhan said that Bhagawan has been defaming the Hindu Gods through his statements. Though the matter of constructing Ram Mandir is pending before the Supreme Court, Bhagawan was giving negative statements, he charged.

An advocate in Madikeri also filed a complaint against Bhagawan on the charge of hurting the religious sentiments of the people, at the Town Police Station.

The complaint was with reference to a book release function in Bidar district early this month where Bhagawan allegedly spoke about Lord Rama in a derogatory manner.

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru Police have registered an FIR against Bhagawan for "outraging religious feelings."

This is after Girish Bharadwaj, a Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader from the city, lodged a complaint with the Cubbon Park Police yesterday over Bhagawan's remarks on Lord Rama in his book. The Police have registered a case against Bhagawan under Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code for "deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings or any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs."

If convicted under the Section, he could be punished with imprisonment of a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both. N. Ravikumar, MLC and Gen. Secretary, BJP, also lodged a complaint against Bhagawan, with Neelamani N. Raju, DG&IGP.

Former CM Siddharamaiah to inaugurate

Sarada Vilas 'Shashottara Suvarna Soudha' tomorrow

Siddharamaiah

Mysuru, Dec.29 (RKB&DM)- Former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will inaugurate 'Shashottara Suvarna Soudha' (Centenary Hall) at Sarada Vilas Educational Institution premises in Krishnamurthypuram here at 3.30 pm tomorrow (Dec.30).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathy said that Siddharamaiah as the Chief Minister in 2014, had sanctioned Rs.2 crore for the Bhavan.

As such, Siddharamaiah was invited to inaugurate the building and accordingly, the former CM will inaugurate the Centenary Hall at 3.30 pm on Sunday.

Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah will take part in the inauguration, he added.

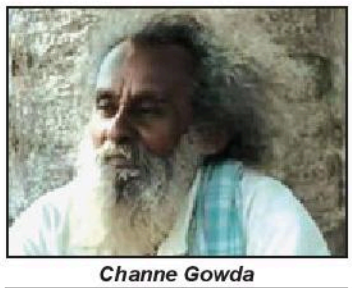
'Gaddappa' of *Thithi* fame

struggling for medical treatment

Mandya, Dec.29- Channe Gowda, 75, who shot to fame as 'Gaddappa' (man with a beard) in the award-winning Kannada movie Thithi, is severely unwell and battling with paralysis.

His relatives and neighbours at Node Koppalu near Pandavapura said that the septuagenarian was treated in a hospital in Mysuru for a few days and was brought to Node Koppalu on Friday. He is bedridden and does not have enough money to continue treatment.

The veteran actor has also been suffering from heart ailment, cough and wheezing, hearing impairment, and other


Channe Gowda

age-related issues. His wife and brothers passed away many years back and he does not have children.

After he played the role of 'Gaddappa', he became popular for his natural acting skills and the film industry had cashed in on this opportunity to make money.

After *Thithi,* Gowda was made to act in some more films. They made good business. But, the film production units did not pay him on a par with other artistes, a villager said.

True to his allegations, Gowda is still living in a tiny hut at the village on Mandya-Pandavapura Main Road. "I do not have any idea how much money and other facilities other artistes are getting. But, they pay me some money and offer food. Sometimes, they pick me in a car and sometimes ask me to come by bus," he had told a section of press in 2016. Gowda's relatives and villagers have urged the film industry to help him.

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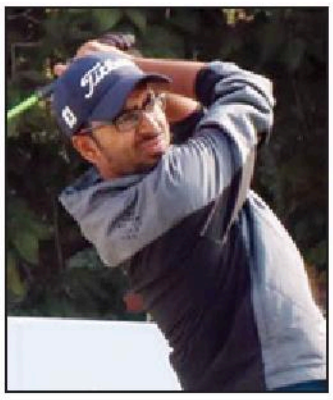
Suraj bags KOA Award for Lawn Tennis

Suraj R. Prabodh from Mysuru, Raked No. 1 in the State in the men's section, is seen receiving the Karnataka Olympic Association's (KOA) Award for Lawn Tennis from Governor Vajubhai R. Vala at a function held in Bengaluru recently. Also seen are KOA President Govindaraju and Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister K.J. George.

Yashas Chandra wins

PGTI 'Rookie of the Year' award



Mysuru, Dec.29- Twenty-three-year-old Mysuru-based rookie Yashas Chandra wins the PGTI's Emerging Player of the Year race for 2018. He accumulated the highest earnings among the rookies during the season — Rs.13,26,493.

Yashas Chandra had nine starts in the season and posted two top-5 finishes. His best result was fourth at the CG Open 2018. He is a product of JWGC, Mysuru.

Mysuru's Pranavi Urs among 13 athletes selected for IFSG's 'Stars of Tomorrow'

Mysuru, Dec.29- The Indian Federation of Sports Gaming (IFSG) launched its athlete support programme, 'Stars of Tomorrow' (SOT), with an aim to identify and support India's future sporting talent in diverse set non-mainstream sports such as Sailing, Squash, Tennis, Swimming and Golf to name a few.

The event was held at a private hotel in Mumbai recently.

Dream11 Foundation, the primary contributor to this programme, has pledged Rs.3 crore to support IFSG's cause.

Pranavi S. Urs, a 15-year-old Golfer from Mysuru, was one of the 13 chosen athletes.

Pranavi started playing golf at a young age of six and by the time she turned 14 she got into the National squad. Pranavi was felicitated and presented the certificate of 'Stars of Tomorrow' by Mary Kom, six-time World Amateur Boxing Champion and Padma Bhushan Awardee, Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, ex-Chief Administration Officer, BCCI and Advisor, IFSG and Harsh Jain, Director, Dream11 Foundation.

Through a rigorous selection process led by GoSports, the 'Implementation Partner' of this initiative, 13 talented athletes have been selected from amongst 168 entries to be a part of IFSG's Stars of Tomorrow programme.

This is a long-term athlete development programme where they will be offered critical support towards the fulfilment of their sporting goals.

Pranavi S. Urs (right) is seen receiving the certificate from boxer Mary Kom.

Launching the 'Stars of Tomorrow' programme, John Loffhagen, President, IFSG, said that IFSG was inspired by the Indian Sports Ministry's efforts in building India as a great sporting nation and wanted to facilitate and contribute towards the cause.

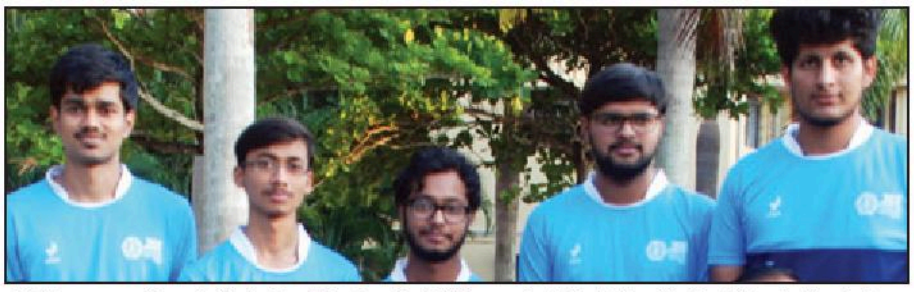
Excels in Jagadguru Memorial Sports Meet at Suttur

Mysuru, Dec.29- The students of JSS Science and Technology University, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, won the following prizes in the Jagadguru Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial Sports Meet held at Suttur in November: Volleyball (Men) - 2nd place; Throwball (Women) - 2nd place; Women team - Overall Championship; Women Individual Athlete Champions, Best Player - Volleyball and Throwball, March-past - 1st place; Athletics (Men) - 3 Silver medals; Athletics (Women) - 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Medal.

In the 1st Inter-Collegiate Engineering Sports Meet (2018-19), they have bagged the following prizes: Table Tennis (Women) - Winners, Table Tennis (Men) - Runners, Chess (Men) - Runners, Chess (Men) - Runners and Chess (Women) - Runners.

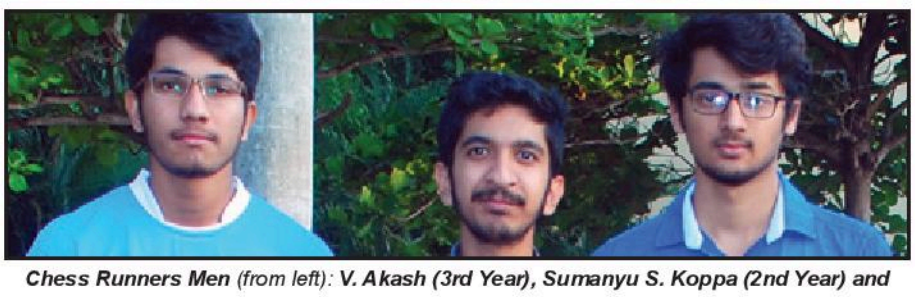
Volleyball & Throwball Runners and Medalists — Jeethu (3rd year), Varun (4th year), K.O. Prajwal (3rd year), Vishaka (4th year), Karthik Bhatta (3rd year), Varshika Gowda (3rd year), Firdose Fathima (2nd year), A.S. Amulya (3rd year), M.R. Sowmya (3rd year), Suma S. Kundar (3rd year), K.S. Trishala (3rd year), Rajeshwari (4th year), B.T. Chaitali (4th year), Sushmitha (2nd year), Dimple (4th year), Arpitha (4th year) and Sharanya (4th year) — seen with (sitting from left) Registrar Dakshinmurty, Principal Dr. T.N. Naghabhushan and Dy. Director (Sports) at SJCE Revanna.

TT Winners (from left): Sakhya Kini (4th Year), Anupka Mythri (4th Year), Shivani Pooviah (4th year) and Sampritha Rao (3rd Year).



TT Runners (from left): Aniruddha Sankoli (4th year), A.H. Srikanth (2nd Year), Vivek Das (1st Year), C.R. Darshan (2nd Year), Parinith Gowda (4th Year).

Chess Runners Women (from left): S. Anupa (2nd Year), G. Priya (3rd Year), S. Aneesha (2nd Year) and D.M. Amulya (2nd Year).



Chess Runners Men (from left): V. Akash (3rd Year), Sumanyu S. Koppa (2nd Year) and A. Aniruddha (3rd Year).

Kuvempu birth anniversary in city

Mysuru, Dec.29 (PM&US)- Vishwamanava Day, commemorating the 115th birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvmepu, was celebrated at various places in city this morning.

Marking the occasion District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture and Kuvempu Jayanthotsava Samithi had organised a function at Kalamandira.

Inaugurating the programme Mayor Pushpalata Jagannath said that MCC would take steps to set up signboards with meaningful lines of Kuvempu's poems at prominent junctions. She hailed the contribution of Kuvempu to Kannada literature.

Speaking on the occasion, writer K. Bhairavamurthy opined that Kuvempu was an unparalleled poet whose poems were very simple and meaningful and easily understandable by a common man.

He added that Kuvempu was a great lover of nature around which many of his poems were centred around.

MLA L. Nagendra presided, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H.Channappa, Vishwamanava Yuva Vedike founder-President Suresh Gowda were present.

A Geetha Gayana of poems of Kuvempu was also organised on the occasion.

Manasagangotri : Mysore University Employees Forum had organised a function at the varsity entrance on Bogadi Road where vice-Chancellor Dr.J. Hemantha Kumar garlanded the statue of Kuvempu. Registrar Dr.R. Rajanna and other were present.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, writer K. Bhairavamurthy and others at the Kuvempu birth anniversary celebrations at Kalamandira this morning.

Vidyavardhaka Trust : A function was also organised by Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust and Dejagow Trust at the Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trustpremises in Jayalakshimpuram.

Providential escape for 57 persons as bus overturns

Madikeri, Dec. 29 (PS&BCT)- Fifty-seven persons including 48 children had a providential escape when a speeding bus overturned near Suntikoppa in Kodagu district in the wee hours of today. However, one student was killed in the accident.

The impact of the accident was such that the bus had to be lifted with the help of a crane.

The bus was on its way to Madikeri from KRS Dam and it started from Mysuru at 11.30 pm. The condition of the bus driver and a school cook is said to be critical and they have been shifted to a hospital in Mangaluru. The injured four students have been admitted to a hospital in Madikeri.

The bus (KA-22-B-5731) was carrying 58 persons from Ganikehal Government School in Kurugodu taluk of Ballari, who had come to Mysuru on an educational tour. The bus was carrying 48 students (27 boys and 21 girls), 6 teachers, a cook, two drivers and a cleaner.

After a site-seeing trip from Mysuru, the bus stared its journey to Madikeri at 11.30 pm. Students told the Police that they were fast asleep and received a jolt in the wee hours as the bus driver lost control near Shanthageri Estate at Suntikoppa. The bus overturned and fell into a ditch.

Some passersby spotted screaming children and rushed to their rescue and informed the Police. 16-year-old N.U. Basavaraj, son of Dyavanna of Ganikehal village, died while being shifted to Madikeri. The bus driver Johnson alias Chintu and cook Siddalinga have been shifted to Mangaluru in a critical condition.

Four other students M. Manjunath, K. Raja, Mohammad Fayaz and H. Veeresh have been admitted to Madikeri Hospital. A 7-month-old baby escaped unhurt in the accident. School teacher Umesh and his wife Sumalatha had carried their baby girl Dhanashree and the little one was sleeping on her mother's lap. Fortunately, the baby did not sustain any injuries though the bus overturned.

Immediately after getting information, Suntikoppa Sub-Inspector Jayaram and night beat Police arrived at the spot and shifted the injured to hospitals. They also made arrangements for crane to lift the bus and accommodated students at Sri Rama Mandir.

Some students told the Police that the bus driver Johnson had consumed alcohol at KRS during dinner and before starting to Madikeri.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police Suman D. Pennekar, Dy.SP Muralidhar, Circle Inspector Kyathegowda visited the spot.

Rowdy-sheeters face pre-dawn Police raids

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Devaraja ACP M.S. Gajendra Prasad and team raided Alanahalli, Shaktinagar, Raghavendranagar and JSS Layout, Nazarbad Inspector Mahadevaswamy raided the houses of rowdy-sheeters at Kurubarahalli and Nazarbad, Krishnaraja ACP Dharmappa, Inspector Prakash and Vidyaranyapuram Inspector Omkarappa knocked the doors of rowdy-sheeters at Sunnadakeri, Vidyaranyapuram, J.P. Nagar and Agrahara.

Operation Hawk: As part of Operation Hawk, Police teams yesterday made a surprise inspection of hotels and lodges across the city. A total of 300 hotels and lodges were checked during the exercise, which began at 6 am. The operation was aimed at checking if anti-social elements were staying in hotels and lodges and also if necessary security arrangements, including installation of CCTV cameras, were in place.

The exercise was also aimed at creating awareness among lodge and hotel owners, he added.

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Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad Meet begins

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar is seen inaugurating the State-level Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad Sammelana at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning as other dignitaries look on. Picture right shows Sammelana Chairperson Prof. Premashekar and litterateur Dr. Dodarangegowda being taken in a procession to the venue. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec.29 (RK&DM)- The two-day second State-level meet of Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad began at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri premises here this morning.

Member of the erstwhile Mysuru Royal Family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurated the Sammelana by lighting the lamp on an earthen pot.

Speaking on the occasion, Pramoda Devi at first thanked the organisers for inviting her to inaugurate this important Kannada Literary Meet, considering the contributions made by the erstwhile Mysore rulers for the promotion of Kannada.

Pointing out that saying 'Namaskara' or 'Namaste' was very much associated with Indian culture, she said that receiving blessings from elders was also very much an Indian tradition.

Maintaining that one can achieve much by shunning arrogance, she stressed on the need for showing respect to elders.

Noting that the translation of great epics such as Mahabharatha, Ramayana, Rigveda etc., which are originally in Sanskrit, to all Indian languages would be of great help to promote our rich heritage, traditions and culture, Pramoda Devi underlined the need for carrying forward our rich culture for coming generations as well.

Highlighting the contribution of Kannada in maintaining unity, she observed that such meets provide a platform to exchange ideas on promoting language.

Parishad's Karnataka Unit President Dr. Doddarangegowda, in his address, said that literature always promotes peace and harmony.

Observing that every writer has some sort of a solution for eradicating social evils such as caste system, intolerance, bonded-labour etc., he said that the very basis of literature rests on peace and harmony.

Explaining the characteristics of religious tolerance, Dr. Doddarangegowda said that most of the country's religious beliefs are well-explained in our literature.

Pointing out that folklore, Vachana Sahitya, Keertanas and the like portray the humanistic face of our society, he said that good thoughts formed the basis for Bhakti and Yoga Parampare.

Quoting Kuvempu, Da.Ra. Bendre, Pu.Thi. Na., Dr. Shivaram Karanth and others efforts for ending bonding labour, he said that Kannada literature was enriched by great works of a number of renowned writers.

Underlining the role of the writers in taking forward the society in the right direction, he emphasised on the need for portraying the characteristics of Indianness (Bharatiyate) much more in our literary works.

Parishad's National General Secretary Rushikumar Mishra delivered the keynote address. Parishad's Mysuru District President Sathanur Devaraj welcomed. Vismaya and Nisarga rendered the invocation while Ningaraju and team rendered Nadageethe.

Earlier, the Sammelana Chairperson Prof. Premashekar, a noted columnist and writer and veteran litterateur Dr. Dodarangegowda were brought in a grand procession from Kuvempu Statue at the entrance to Manasagangothri campus on Bogadi Road to Senate Bhavan.

Prior to the procession, Kuvempu's statue was garlanded marking the Rashtrakavi's birth anniversary.

The procession was accompanied by a host of folk and cultural troupes.

Parishad's Karnataka General Secretary Raghunandan Bhat, Mysuru General Secretary Dr. E.C. Ningaraj Gowda and others were present.

The two-day meet, which concludes tomorrow, features various ghostis and sessions, in which noted writers will deliver lectures.

The valedictory will take place tomorrow with *Saraswati Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa as the guest of honour.

The Joys of Colour: An Abstract Art Exhibition by Aniruddha Jairam

Mysuru, Dec.29- **Aniruddha Jairam,** a talented 22-year-old youth with autism, lives in Sankalp Central Park, Mysuru, with his parents.

From a very young age, Aniruddha has had a very keen eye for colours. He has explored various forms of art from weaving to modelling in clay, mosaic, paper and ceramic. In the last one year, he under the mentor-ship of Linish has discovered the joy of painting with colours.

To showcase his talent, an exhibition of his artwork is being held at 104, Bougainvilla, Sankalp Central Park, from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 between 4 pm and 7pm. For details contact Mob:9884044731.

Winners of Bhima Maha Utsav

Bindu Madhav, Chairman of Bhima Jewels, distributing prizes to the winners of Bhima Maha Utsav at Bhima Mysuru showroom on Dec. 22 as Sanish Padmanabhan (Retail Head), P. S. Sasikumar (Area Manager) and A. Ravi Kumar (Branch Manager) look on.

Bank's Founding Day

Central Bank of India, Mysore Branch, celebrated its 108th Founding Day on Dec.21 at its premises on Ramavilas Road. On the occasion, the Branch conducted a free medical camp in association with Narayana Hospital at its premises in which 127 customers were benefited apart from the Branch staff. Also a Swachh Bharat rally was taken out on Ramavilas Road to create awareness among public.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
KGF	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Orange	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Nathicharami	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Viraj	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Paradesi c/o London (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Simmba	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Laila. Com	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
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Maari-2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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KGF (K)	(S-4) 10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2) 6.55 pm
Zero (H)	(S-2) 1.15 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 4.10 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-1) 10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3) 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Ente Ummante Peru (Ma)	(S-2) 10.40 am
Nathicharami (K)	(S-2) 4.30 pm
Njan Prakashan (Ma)	(S-2) 9.55 pm
Ananthu V/S Nusrat (K)	(S-3) 10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.00 pm

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KGF (K)	(S-1) 9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2) 3.55 pm
	(S-4) 9.30 pm
Zero (H)	(S-4) 9.40 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 3.45 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-2) 9.35 pm, 12.40 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3) 3.20 pm
	(S-4) 6.30 pm
Njan Prakashan(Ma)	(S-2) 7.05 pm
Ajja (K)	(S-3) 10.00 am
Paradesi c/o London (K)	(S-3) 12.35 pm
Swartharatna (K)	(S-4) 1.05 pm
Nathicharami (K)	(S-4) 3.55 pm
Ananthu V/S Nusrat (K)	(S-3) 6.30 pm
	(S-4) 10.05 pm

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Zero (H)	6.00 pm
Simmba (H)	11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35, pm, 10.00 pm
Swartharatna (K)	12.30 pm
Paradesi c/o London (K)	3.00 pm
Nathicharami (K)	3.30 pm
Ananthu v/s Nusrath (K)	6.20 pm
Njan Prakashan (M)	9.30 pm

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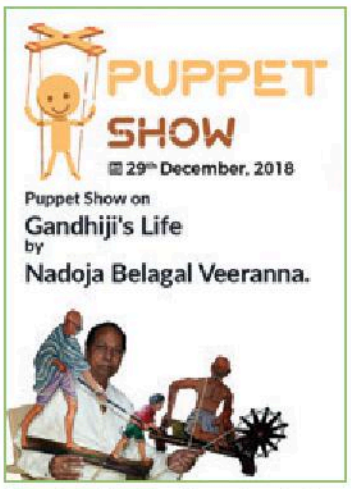
EVENTS TODAY (DEC.29)



Karnataka Tourism Department: Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Flower Show, Doll and Photography Expo, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm;** Birds Festival, Mysuru Zoo, **up to 7 pm;** Film Fest, Maharaja's College Ground, **6.30 pm to 9 pm; Puppet Show on Gandhiji's Life by Nadoja Balegol Veeranna**, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6 pm to 9 pm;** Palace lighting, Fusion by Pravin Godkhini and troupe, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Mahaveer Vidya Mandir (SMVM): 26th Annual Day celebrations, columnist Dr. Gubbigudu Ramesh chief guest, SMVM President Dr. M.V. Shantha Kumar presides, School premises, **4 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Viveka Vidyalaya: Viveka Kutumbakam, 6th Annual Day celebrations, Swami Jnanayogananda ji graces the occasion, CA A. Vishwanatha chief guest, former MLC Vidyala Chairman K.C. Puttasiddasetty presides, Vidyalaya premises, Srirampura, **5 pm.**

Kalaripayattu: Martial Arts from Children, Kalaripayattu live performance and media interaction, Mayor Pushapalatha Jagannath, IGP (Home Gaurds) D. Roopa Moudgil and Kalaripayattu Federation of India Sec. General Baiju Gurukkal and Shiyad Gurukkal of Indian Olympic Committee will be present, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **5.30 pm.**

Deepa Shikshana mattu Seva Samsthe, Deepa Nagar, Roopa Nagar: 26th School Anniversary celebrations, actor *Mukya Mantri* Chandru inaugurates, DDPI Mamatha chief guest, BEO (Mysuru taluk) Krishna guest, Deepa Shikshana mattu Seva Samsthe President M. Ramappa presides, Deepa School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Pragati Seva Trust and Dalita Abhivruddhi Sangha: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 62nd Parinirvana Programme, Sri Jnanaprakasha Swamiji inaugurates, Trust President and former Safaikarmacharis Commission Chairman Narayan presides, Buddha Nagar (Nellur Shed), opposite Silk Factory, Manandavadi Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-254, talk on 'Vachanagalalli Prasadada Parikalpane' by Dr. B.S. Sudeep, Samvahana Trust Publisher D.N. Lokappa presides, No.586, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalithadripura, **6 pm.**

Nritya Samskruti Dance School: Nritya Sinchana-2018, Devaranama of 'Varna and Narasimha Avatara' by Guru Vidu. Chandini Manoj, Bharatanatyam 'Marga' by her disciples, journalist Rashmi Koujalagi and advocate C. Mangala chief guests, Guru Vandane to Guru Vidu. Mithra Naveen of Nada Vidyalaya Music and Dance Academy, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru: 'Kala Darpana,' a classical music and dance event by NRI artistes of BVB London Kendra, Performers are Bharatanatyam artistes Akshay Prakash, Shivangi Chandrashekar and Lakshmi Kuhendran and Kathak artistes Dhiya Arora and Deepika Kathrani. They will be accompanied by Shangary Rajendran (Karnatak vocal), Dhanraj Persaud (tabla) and Thanujen Chandrakumar (mridanga); BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja chief guest, BVB Mysuru Chairman Dr. A.V. Narasimha Murthy presides, BVB Mysuru Vice-Chairman and Star of Mysore Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy and BVB London Kendra Executive Director Dr. M.N. Nandakumar guests of honour, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018, *Somana Kunita* by B.K. Naradimharaju and troupe, **5.30 pm;** 'Modale Nenedevu...' theatre songs by Niranthara under the direction of Srinivas Bhat (Cheeni), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat: State- level Meet, cultural programmes, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **6.30 pm.**

Discourse: Thiruppavai Discourse by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Pusthakam Sri Santhana Gopalakrishna Swamy Temple, No.141, College Road, behind Raghavendra Mutt, Chamaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North: Saxophone by M.S. Ramyashri & troupe, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Nadaswara by M. Sridhar & Jagadish and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Mahotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm onwards.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Rex Hours – Dino Yekangi Payana,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Association of Physicians of India: Physicians Day celebration and CME programme, felicitation to senior physicians Dr. C.D. Srinivasa Murthy and Dr. B.V. Rajgopal, talk on 'New ACC/ AHA 2018 Cholesterol Guidelines in Lipid Management' by Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Hotel Southern Star, **8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.30)

Lingambudhi Lake Watch: Know living heritage better by A. Shivaprakash, Lingambudhi Lake Main Entrance, **7 am to 10 am.**

East West International School: Invitational Swim Meet , School premises, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, **7 am onwards.**

Karnataka Tourism Department: Mysuru Winter Festival-2018, Hasiru Santhe, Chithra Santhe, Krishnaraja Boulevard Road, **9 am to 5 pm;** Flower Show, Doll and Photography Expo, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm;** Jayamma Govinde Gowda Kalyana Mantapa, **10 am to 9 pm;** Palace lighting, *Sangeetha Sanje* by playback singer **Vijay Prakash** and troupe, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat: State- level Meet, Multilingual Poets Meet, retd. Principal and poet Prof. A.K. Hampanna presides, **9 am to 11 am;** Session on 'Hindi Sahityadalli Bharatiyate,' **11.30 am to 1 pm;** Valedictory, Meet Chairperson Prof. Prema Shekar presides, valedictory address by writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa chief guest, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **6.30 pm.**

Mysuru District Nayaka Teachers Welfare Association: Sri Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti, unveiling of Sri Maharshi Valmiki portrait by MLA Anil Chikkamadu, former MLC K.C. Puttasiddashetty lights the lamp, former ZP President Ramachandru releases the diary, Association President P. Nagalingappa presides, talk by Dr. H.P. Manjunath, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **9 am.**

Mysuru City Congress Committee and Mysuru City Congress Sevadal: Flag Hoisting and Congress Foundation Day, **9.30 am;** KPCC Secretary Eshwar Khandre visit, Mysuru City Congress Party office, Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavana, JLB Road, **2.30 pm.**

Mysuru Divisional Central, State Government, Semi-Government and Aided Institutions SC/ST Officers and Employees Parishad: Felicitation to former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and book release — Prof. T.M. Mahesh's *'Karnataka Rajyada Annabhagya Yojane mattu Aahaara Bhadrate'* — Sri Veerabhadra Channamalla Swamiji graces the occasion, former CM Siddharamaiah inaugurates, MP R. Dhruvanarayan presidesm Minister R.B. Thimmapur and MLA Tanveer Sait chief guests, Rani Bahadur auditorium, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**

Pranati Mahila Samaja and Sneha Balaha, Mysuru: Book release — Young poet C.N. Mahesh's first poetry collection 'Manadaala' — by scholar T.N. Shivakumar, retd. History Professor Dr. B.V. Sudhamani inaugurates, thinker Satyesh speaks about the book, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthpuram, **10 am.**

Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha, Mysuru District Unit and Central Committee: Pratibha Puraskar-2018, Dr. Sri Sharathchandra Swamiji graces the occasion, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha Chief Secretary B. Eshwar Khandre inaugurates, BBMP Mayor Gangambika B. Mallikarjun chief guest, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha - Mysuru District Unit President Dakshina Murthy presides, ORI Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa speaks, JSS College, Ooty Road, **10.30 am.**

Kalasuruchi: Sahitya Chavadi - Interaction with Kannada Asst. Professor Triveni on 'Marubhumiya Hoogalu mattu Sthree Vimochane - Ondu Chintane,' Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**

Prof. K. Venkatagiri Gowda Samskrutika mattu Shaikshanika Parishath and Hanyaalu Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — J. Ramalingegowda's *'Ramana Rasayana'* and *English-Kannada Padakosha'* — by retd. English Professor R. Ramachandra, Prof. G. Chandrashekar presides, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 pm.**

Department of Kannada and Culture: Varnaavarana, a solo painting exhibition by artist S. Vinod, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar, **10.30 am to 6 pm.**

Swara Dhaara Sangeetha mattu Samskrutika Academy: Inauguration of the Academy, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa inaugurates, Ideal Jawa Rotary auditorium, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Khans' Nite: Musical programme featuring film songs of three Khans — Shah Rukh, Aamir and Salman, by V.N. Prasad & Troupe, Kalamandira, **5.45 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018, **6.15 pm;** Play 'Sandeha Samrajya' by K.V. Subbanna Ranga Samooha, Heggod, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

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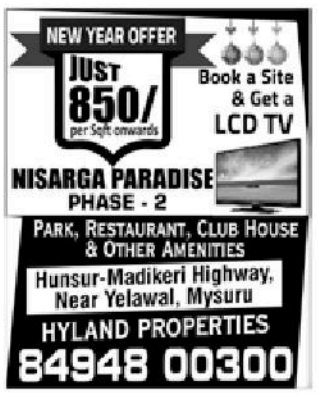
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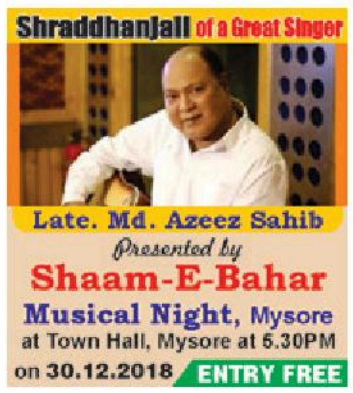

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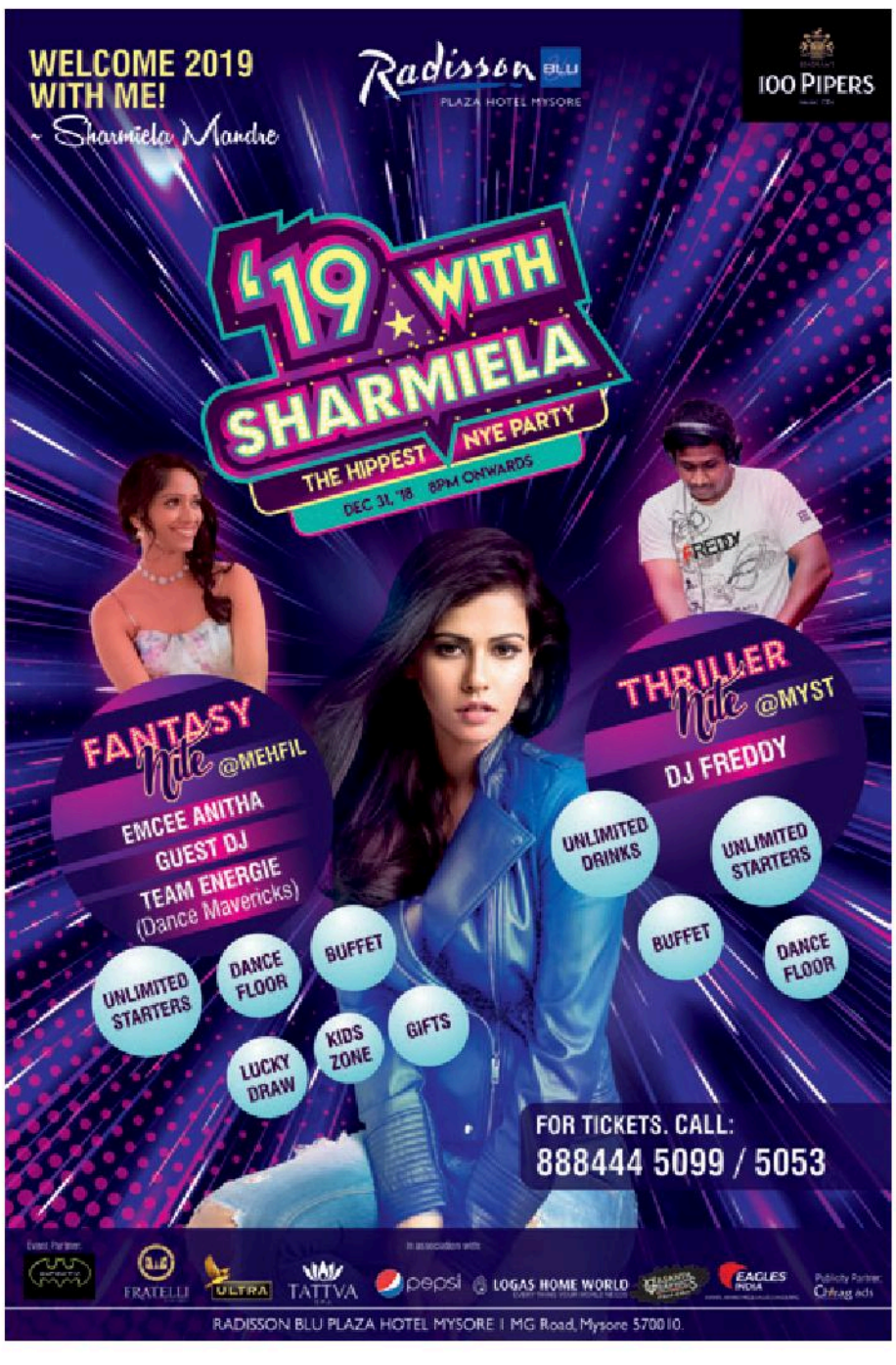
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